

## Setting Up Guided Access & Restrictions on Apple Devices

All Minnetonka School iPads have built-in filtering software blocking access to inappropriate sites regardless of whether the device is at school or off campus. This built-in filter overrides any filtering you may have at home. Many home routers do allow for time limits to be set for network traffic, so parents may choose to do this. Children often have complete, unrestricted access to inappropriate sites on other devices such as home computers and personal cell phones. Experts strongly suggest installing software to filter and block inappropriate content on your wireless home network and children's smartphones. [Read more about filter options here](#). Check out [Google Family Link](#) for Droid devices.

To help children, parents may wish to use **Guided Access** to temporarily limit iPad use to a specific app or set up time limits. For instructions on Guided Access, please visit: [goo.gl/LqYqDr](http://goo.gl/LqYqDr)

In addition to the built-in filtering on students' iPads, parents may consider using **Restrictions** which allow additional websites such as YouTube to be blocked. YouTube has many educational videos and teachers use it regularly for instruction. Blocking YouTube will prevent your child from accessing these resources, completing homework and learning. Many things can be both entertaining and educational.—While teachers work with students about appropriate and responsible use of tools like YouTube, the District also encourages parents to help guide their children in exploring this aspect of technology, as navigating such sites is becoming a necessary skill for their future. The District's position is that restricting access to YouTube should only be used temporarily with a goal of getting students back to managing it without restrictions and balancing their use of the tool for entertainment with the need to complete homework in a timely manner.

To set up Restrictions on an iPad, follow these instructions: <https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT201304>. You will be prompted to create a four digit code separate from your child's screen lock. Select a code your child won't guess.

On the Restrictions menu, scroll down to **Allowed Content > Websites**

On the Websites menu, scroll down to **Limit Adult Content**, under **Never Allow** click **Add a Website**. YouTube addresses to add include:

m.youtube.com  
youtube.com  
ytming.com

Please visit the District's [Digital Health & Wellness page](#) for more resources and tips.