



The Elk Grove Unified School District is committed to supporting 21st century teaching and learning. Given the pace at which new Web 2.0 tools emerge, such as blogs, wikis, and podcasts, district staff recognized the need to implement a comprehensive program to teach the safe, effective, and ethical use of these digital age technologies to staff, students, and parents. With that in mind, in 2008, EGUSD created an Internet Safety Program.

The EGUSD Internet Safety Program is an on-going project and commitment. As new tools emerge, the district expands the curriculum and trainings accordingly. Currently, the district provides Internet Safety workshops for teachers, administrators, and parents.

Partnership with U.S. Attorney's Office

Through a partnership with the U.S. Attorney's Office's program Project Safe Childhood, the district held an Internet Safety seminar at Sheldon High School in 2007 and presented an Internet Safety video contest for students in 2008. The seminar examined the potential dangers of Internet surfing and the use of chat rooms and social networking sites such as MySpace. Parents received tips on safe Web use by children. The video contest gave students the opportunity to create videos about responsible use of the Internet.

i-SAFE Curriculum

The i-SAFE curriculum was adopted by the EGUSD Board of Education in November 2009. The purpose of the i-SAFE curriculum is to provide students with information and strategies for keeping safe while using the Internet: safe from Internet predators, safe from cyberbullying; safe from inappropriate content; and – equally important - safe (from themselves) in terms of the digital footprint they are creating for the world to see.

Internet Safety Blog

2WebWatchers is an interactive forum committed to informing the EGUSD community of parents, students, teachers and administrators about the safe, effective and ethical use of the Internet.

Our top priority is protecting students online and empowering them with skills to lead the way as responsible digital citizens of the 21st century. In addition to cyber-safety, therefore, the 2WebWatchers blog actively invites discussions pertaining to netiquette, cyberbullying, and social networking. Visit the blog at: <http://blogs.egusd.net/2webwatchers/>.



Training for Students, Parents and Staff

Internet Safety training sessions have been offered through the Curriculum and Professional Learning Department, on-site training at schools, Elk Grove Adult and Community Education and regional parent forums.

Internet Safety Video Contest

EGUSD has sponsored two Internet Safety Video Contest, in conjunction with the U.S. Attorney's Office. To participate in the contests, students in grades 4-12 were invited to create a video that promoted the safe and ethical use of the Internet. Winners were selected at the elementary, middle and high school levels. A total of 27 students were honored for their work at a board meeting in December 2008 and another 13 were honored in January 2011. The winning videos can be viewed on the district website at http://www.egusd.net/students_parents/isafety.cfm.