Welcome to 2025 Leadership Convention

This session will begin soon

Hacking Your Kids' Digital Lives

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As a parent of 3, "the hacker on staff" at Jordan School District and a technology evangelist let me show you how you can improve your children's digital life skills

My presentation is generally very parent/child friendly however, some slides contain information regarding suicide , sexual content, etc… This material may be emotionally challenging for some.

To be frank though, if you think this is stuff your kids don't know or talk about it's probably a good thing you came to my presentation

What is actually happening with technology in schools

A 18-year-old student at Klein Forest High School is currently wanted by police after they say he was responsible for cyber attacks that disrupted state testing for thousands of students in the district.

What really happens ? Kids are trying to get past the internet filters and occasionally succeed.

Your school is doing more than you think

Actual picture of what my job is like except I have two taxpayer friendly monitors and no plants

How does a school determine what to block? Common community standards can be vague and difficult to interpret. For example, searching the word 'rainbow' might reveal images that some find offensive, but we also teach science, so blocking the word would be inappropriate.

What does a school monitor ?

Device Behaviors

Internet Searches

Student Generated Content

Device Activity Monitoring

Internet Searches

Websites are filtered in two ways. The first way is based on website categorization. Most websites on the internet have categorizations that identify themselves as entertainment, educational, adult, etc… We filter websites that are not categorized as student relevant categories.

In addition to categorizing filters we also use keyword filters. This filters all website whether categorized or not by watching a list of keywords. We subscribe to services that keep these keywords updated all of the time. We can add custom lists and our subscriptions keep the latest variants of slang and evolving cultural terms as well.

We also utilize tools within our content filtering for websites that prevent things like VPN's, proxies, or other tools that may bypass the filters. (This is not perfect but when we find a hole we fix it)

Student Generated Content

SUICIDE NOTE
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Hello to who ever is seeing this...as you could probably guess already by the title of this slide. I want to kill myself...i want to end everything. I have been so stressed and pressured that i can't do anything anymore and i want to die. I do have knives and access to guns to easily end it. I doubt anyone would even care if i died, they would probably thinks it's nice and better now that i'm gone

Type	Total Alerts	Severe Alerts
Weapon	18,596	10
Violence	6,609	189
Self-Harm or Suicidal Content	5,296	385
Drug/Alcohol-Related Content	2,285	102
Depression	1,424	229
Profanity	1,203	318
Sexual Content	773	116
Bullying	557	418
Hate Speech	240	201
Anxiety	89	13
Medically Concerning Content	29	20
Body Image/Eating-Related	14	5
Predatory Behavior	6	0
Risky Contact	3	1

What grades are they from ?

School Type	Total	Severe
Elementary School	2477	8
High School	7,255	99
Middle School	14,999	560

IT Monitoring tools are not replacement for parenting

Just "Say No" to technology doesn't work

Did you hand an explosive device to your child ?

What is the right age ?

What kind of technology is your child using ?

Gaming consoles/Platforms
Social media apps
Streaming services
Music platforms
Educational apps
Online learning platforms
Messaging apps
Document creation and collaboration tools: Google, Microsoft
Smartphones and tablets: iPhones, iPads, Android devices
Laptops and computers
AI Generation (Did you notice anything strange about my pictures?)

Each type of technology varies in its risks and management styles

If you don't let your children use social media than they will never learn how to do it safely.

- My children are required to share passwords
- Children don't interact with people unless I approve each contact/friend
- All technology is a privilege not a right
- Age appropriate social media

Technology is a together process

Tools don't replace parents but they do help parents

This next slide is a "keeping it real" education slide. You've been warned. Ok it's not that bad but if you think your children don't know about this then it's a good thing you came to my presentation.

Emoji's Slang

Emoji	Meaning	Emoji	Meaning
🍆	Penis	🌶️	Indicates "spiciness," i.e., inappropriate or risque content
🍑	Butt	🧚✨	Denotes a sarcastic, mean-spirited tone
🌮	Vagina	🍃	Marijuana/weed
👻	Indicates being "ghosted" (dumped with no explanation)	🥴	Desiring someone sexually (often used in response to nudes)
🫰	Shy, nervous (usually in the context of flirting)	🍒	Breasts/testicles/virginity
👌	Can indicate support for white supremacy in certain contexts	👀	Used when sending or receiving nudes
💦	Ejaculation	💯	A stamp of approval; "I agree"
👅	May indicate sexual activity, specifically oral sex	🔨	Used to refer to sexual activity
😈	Feeling frisky or naughty	👁️👄👁️	A response that means, "It is what it is"

How I teach my kids to use social media

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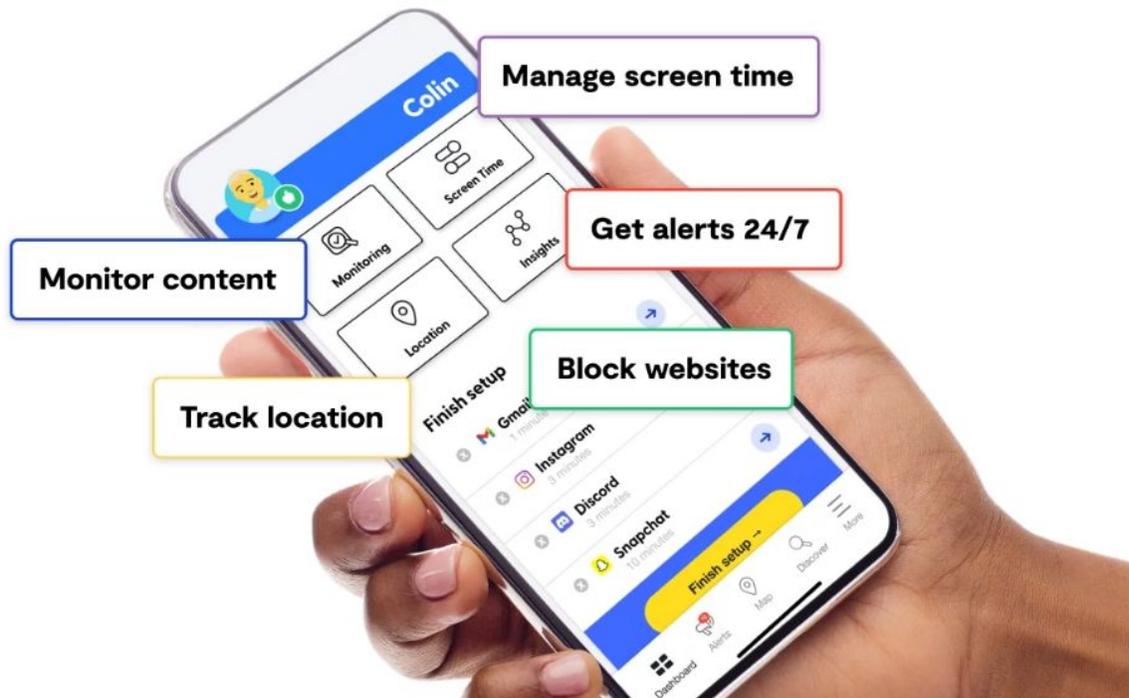
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