

North Clackamas School District Parents and Guardians,

The **YouTube** website is now available for classroom use K-12. This document is intended to give an overview of this resource, and to offer you a perspective about how this resource might be used in our classrooms as an instructional tool.

YouTube is a video sharing website that allows users to view, upload and share videos. Since its inception in 2005, it has become a vast resource for quality instructional and educational materials.

Many of our students already have access to **YouTube** at home. Allowing access to **YouTube** in our schools creates an opportunity to teach students how to responsibly and effectively use this site. We can help them understand and practice ethical and responsible use of the Internet: including following copyright laws, knowing what to do when encountering inappropriate content, demonstrating personal ethical behavior as well as help students to develop exemplary electronic communication.

YouTube contains primary source footage of historic events, original footage of many of the most famous presidential inaugural speeches, subject area tutorials, etc. Nevertheless, its value in teaching and learning depends on our diligence to supervision and to teaching effective use to our K-12 students.

Some examples of classroom supervision:

- The teacher(s) can see all computer screens at a glance.
- Expectations for technology use are clearly posted in the classroom and frequently reviewed by the teacher.
- Students understand and follow clear expectations about which sites/software that they can use.
- All students know what to do when/if they encounter objectionable material p- and they do it.
- Monitors are off (or laptop lids down) when the teacher is giving directions.

Some examples of effective classroom use of the Internet:

- Students know how to cite sources and understand the consequences of copyright infringement.
- Students practice respectful on-line communication, and are guided in the use of effective norms.
- Teachers provide ideas and links for research sites to help guide students and avoid lengthy and ineffective searches.

- Instruction is provided up front for the use search terms to help students zero in on appropriate content.
- Students are grouped in ways that facilitate collaboration and problem solving.
- Teachers provide instruction and practice for students to learn to function within a small group, including communication strategies, sharing ideas and tools, and goal setting.

Our expectations of teachers when using YouTube in the classroom:

- First, go to the **YouTube** website and read the [Terms of Service](#). It is imperative that you follow these if you choose to use YouTube in your classroom. Also review **and Post** the [YouTube Community Guidelines](#).
- You, as a teacher, can set up a **YouTube** account using your NCSD username and password. The reason you would set up an account would be to create a custom play list or to upload videos. You do not need to log in to **YouTube** to **view** a video. Students under the age of 14 may not set up a YouTube account.
- It is best to **view** YouTube videos through the SafeShare.TV viewer (see below). It is not OK to **download** a YouTube video unless you have been given permission from the owner.
- The YouTube site for educators offers advertisement free viewing of videos. <http://www.youtube.com/education>
- While the **YouTube** "SAFE MODE" filtering will be turned on by default throughout the school district, it doesn't necessarily mean that all content will be appropriate. You **absolutely must** view all videos in their entirety before showing them, or allowing your students to view them – regardless of the grade level that you teach.
- Supervision of students using the Internet in the classroom is more important than ever.
- Again, this is a great opportunity to teach and practice responsible and effective use of the Internet with your students.

Our goal in the North Clackamas School District is to help our students to become responsible digital citizens. This can be accomplished through thoughtful instruction, and high expectations for ethical use of the Internet. Your support at home will help us to accomplish this. If you have questions, or would like resources to help you to promote safe and healthy use of the Internet at home, please do not hesitate to contact us.