Additional Web Resources on Cyber Security

Introduction: The web sites listed below provide additional information about cyber security and online safety for schools and families. All sites have been reviewed by NetDay’s editorial team and are part of NetDay’s award-winning web site, www.NetDayCompass.org.

Network Security in Schools

Safeguarding Your Technology
This guide has been developed specifically for educational administrators at the building, campus, district, system, and state levels (e.g., school principals, district superintendents, state chiefs, college deans, and their assistants). It is meant to serve as a framework to help them better understand why, and how, to effectively secure their organization’s information, software, and computer and networking equipment.
http://nces.ed.gov/pubs98/safetech/

Scholastic Administrator: Policing Your Computer Networks
This article from the Spring 2002 issue of Scholastic Administrator Magazine details how to protect a district’s technology assets from hackers, Internet worms and computer viruses.
http://www.scholastic.com/administrator/spring02/features.asp?article=policing

The Cybercitizen Partnership
The Cybercitizen Awareness Program educates children and young adults on the dangers and consequences of cyber crime. By reaching out to parents and teachers, the program is designed to establish a broad sense of responsibility and community in an effort to develop in young people smart, ethical, and socially conscious online behavior.
http://www.cybercitizenship.org/

Online Safety for Children

Safeguarding the Wired Schoolhouse (CoSN)
This CoSN site features information and resources about providing children in schools with appropriate internet content. Includes publications, tools, a checklist for decision-making, and links to other resources.
http://www.safewiredschools.org/

Safety Ed International: Internet Safety Education
This web site offers programs, resources and information related to Internet safety education for children. It is intended to help librarians, parents, teachers, teens, and kids enjoy cyberspace safely. This non-profit organization is run by volunteers with experience in Internet safety education and child advocacy.
http://www.safetyed.org/

Net-Wise Teens: Safety, Ethics, and Innovation
This article from the August 2002 edition of Technology and Learning Magazine highlights the findings of the Pew Internet and American Life Report about the online behavior of teens. The article includes practical advice for encouraging responsible online behavior while harnessing teens’ passion for the Internet.
CyberSmart - K-8 Cyber Security Curriculum
The CyberSmart! Curriculum, consisting of 65 original standards-based lesson plans with Activity Sheets, teaches the basic tenets of Internet use to children in K-8 grades. The goal of the CyberSmart program is to empower children to take full advantage of the rich content and communication capabilities of the Internet.
http://www.CyberSmart.org

ISAFE- Internet Safety Education Program
I-Safe America’s Internet Safety Education Program draws together law enforcement, educators, parents, and the community to provide a proactive, dynamic learning environment for kids in grades K-12. The program develops necessary critical-thinking skills, enabling students to assess risks within the cyber environment. The curriculum is designed to guide educators in the important task of teaching Internet Safety.
http://www.isafe.org/

Resources for Families

Families Online Together
This GetNetWise Web site has specific information tailored for parents and children about going online, including New Year’s resolutions that can be modified to fit a family’s online needs.
http://www.getnetwise.org/

Guidelines for Parents
These guidelines, from www.safekids.com, provide tips to parents that can greatly minimize any potential risks that children may face when viewing online content.
http://www.safekids.com/parent_guidelines.htm

PTA: Right and Wrong on the Internet
The questions and answers at this site are meant to reinforce basic standards of conduct as well as introduce important issues and values to talk about with students.
http://www.pta.org/programs/frright.htm

Family Contract for Online Safety
A simple Internet agreement for online safety to be signed by children and their parents.
http://www.chenowith.k12.or.us/parents/frf/kid_contract.htm

Internet Contracts for Kids
Examples of contracts that can be used with children who are using the Internet at home.
http://www.getnetwise.org/tools/toolscontracts.shtml