



We believe that the computers provide students with an advantage in their education and a valuable opportunity to integrate computers and technology responsibly and ethically in a professional environment.

The steps the district and school have taken are as follows:

1. Computers have filtered internet access at school, and there are content restrictions put in place for school district google account.
2. Computers are checked randomly at school for care and content. No internet filtering or computer checks are 100% effective, but they do provide some security, restrictions, and an accountability framework. Should an individual choose to, they are still able to access inappropriate material.

## Home Use Tips

1. Communicate regularly with your child
  - a. Get involved - Ask them to show you what they are doing for school and what they are doing on their computer
  - b. Let them show you - Ask them to show you how to log onto the computer and how to access grades (checkmymark.com)
  - c. Be proactive - Have a discussion with your child about computer use - Discuss your concerns with social media or their behavior (i.e. what it looks like when someone is on a computer with the screen purposefully turned away from everyone else)
  - d. Be part of their social network - be friends with them on facebook, follow on twitter - have them share passwords with you
2. Setup rules for computer use at home, such as:
  - a. Computer is only to be used in a common area (kitchen / living room etc)
  - b. Computer is only to be used before a certain time (i.e. when it is 10pm, the computer is put away)
  - c. Have consequences discussed and in place before an issue occurs

Please contact your child's teachers for more information as to how they are doing in their classes. For more information about the computer, student computer use, or how to login or access information, please contact Mr. Macphail at [andrew.macphail@abbyschools.ca](mailto:andrew.macphail@abbyschools.ca).