



Reliable Service for Web Filtering & Access Management at University

With over 5 500 students and staff the Aurora University needed an efficient and easy-to-use solution to protect them against porn & adult sites, online time wasters and other unwanted resources that interfere with studies and work



THE PROBLEM

What is the best way for a university to ensure students and employees do not access inappropriate and untoward domains via the educational institution's network?

Is there any means for the university to block purely entertainment sites, online games, social media and other resources unrelated and irrelevant to students' academic progress and staff members' fulfilling their duties? A SafeDNS cloud-based solution for internet filtering and security specifically created for educational institutions, Safe@School, helped the university to resolve these issues as well as introduce a system for web access management.

THE SOLUTION

The SafeDNS cloud-based service for web content filtering satisfied the customer's needs just fine.

In late 2015 a university representative contacted SafeDNS with a request to test the company's service. Its deployment proved pretty easy as no additional hardware was necessary. The SafeDNS internet filter is created to be installed on any web-connected device – a server, an internet gateway, a WiFi router – for network-wide filtering.

In case customers need to filter individual devices, it can also be done – on desktops, laptops, tablets, smartphones, interactive boards, etc.

Upon installation the SafeDNS service immediately allowed university's IT to start filtering the web on the needed amount of network nodes. For each node the service administrators were able to introduce individual sets of filtering rules according to university's needs, as SafeDNS supports multi-policy filtering. Thus, apart from content filtering, the university enjoyed an efficient web access management.

To top it all off the educational institution of higher learning greatly improved its own and its network users' internet safety by blocking distracting and often dangerous web ads, botnets, malware and phishing resources with SafeDNS.

THE RESULTS

With the SafeDNS state-of-the-art technology for content filtering the customers' network users are well protected online.

Even during the trial period it became abundantly clear the SafeDNS service did the job it was chosen for. The university became one of a paid SafeDNS customers having purchased the content filtering service on Safe@School plan.

Providing cleaner and safer online environment for students and employees alike the university decisively proved it cares for their safety and well-being.

ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

Aurora University, a liberal arts college in Illinois

LOCATION

Illinois, US

CHALLENGE

To find the best possible solution for access management & protection of students and staff against inappropriate and dangerous web content

SOLUTION

The SafeDNS special solution for content filtering for educational institutions & libraries

IMPACT

The university got an efficient web filtering service allowing it to drive students' academic progress and personnel's productivity as well as their safety online