

# COEUR D'ALENE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## Keeping students safe in the 1:1 Chromebook classroom

“We are frequently asked what are we doing to keep students safe online,” says Seth Deniston, Director of Technology, Coeur d’Alene Public Schools. “We provide required training for every grade level and set clear online expectations and standards. We even brought in a national social media expert to talk about internet safety and how students can shine online,” he adds.

**“As we transition to a 1:1 district implementation of Chromebooks the biggest question we get is ‘How do we manage all of this?’”**

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There are about 10,800 students in Coeur d’Alene Public Schools, most of whom are using Chromebooks in the classroom.



### Adding classroom management

Coeur d’Alene decided the most effective way to manage student Chromebook activity was to add a classroom management solution. This allows teachers to monitor student Chromebooks and keep students safe by blocking websites; refocusing attention by blanking screens and locking keyboards; and pushing links live to the entire class.

They selected Netop Vision for Chromebooks and installed the software as each set of Chromebooks rolled out. “Vision makes the whole process a lot easier with classroom monitoring and control features that give teachers confidence when students use Chromebooks. Usage took off as teachers learned how powerful and easy-to-use Vision is,” says Deniston.

### Keep students safe and on-task

Vision keeps students on-task and allows teachers to easily redirect attention. As teachers frequently move around the classroom and confer with students, they can see at a glance who is on and off-task.

Some teachers even share their view of all student screens on the overhead projector, making students aware of what the teacher is seeing and encouraging them to be responsible online. “When students get off-task, teachers simply press the button to easily refocus students’ attention back to the teacher,” says Kimberly Shandy, Instructional Coach. “Simplicity of use has been great, she adds. Teachers say, “That’s it?” They can’t believe how easy it is to use.

#### Coeur d’Alene’s favorite features include:

- **Classroom monitoring** – keeping students safe and encouraging responsible behavior.
- **Blanking screens and locking keyboards** – redirecting and refocusing attention.
- **Pushing URLs live** – saving time (all those minutes add up!).
- **Sharing screens** – showcasing student assignments or walking the group through student work and providing feedback, enhancing collaboration and saving paper.