The Hawaiʻi State Department of Education (HIDOE) recognizes the current need for a greater online presence and use of virtual tools during this time of social distancing. The Internet is a formidable educational tool, however HIDOE is committed to teaching **digital citizenship** and **online safety**. Digital citizenship is about utilizing technology to help make student voice heard by public leaders and shape public policy, engaging different people in respectful online conversation, determining validity of online information, and overall making the community better.

With anticipated online activity increasing, HIDOE understands that digital environments are needed but students should understand the broad-based impacts these environments could have. By understanding how students are spending time on the Internet, setting up the appropriate parental controls on devices, and monitoring their usage, families are engaged partners in cultivating responsibility and digital citizenship. Below are resources that can help in this endeavour.

State of Hawaiʻi Online Safety Tips for Children, Teens, and Help for Adults

The Hawaiʻi Internet Crimes Against Children website contains education and prevention resources to protect the children of Hawaiʻi in cyberspace. These comprehensive resources include information for various ages and grade levels, interactive games, videos, safety and prevention tips, guidelines and reporting information.

https://ag.hawaii.gov/hicac/

https://ag.hawaii.gov/cpja/ccp/internetsafety/

https://ag.hawaii.gov/hicac/safety-tips/

Enabling Safety Features and Parental Controls on Computers and Mobile Devices

Please view additional information on online safety for some of the most popular devices on the market today. Learn more on how to enable safe browsing and other safety features for children.

Chromebooks

Google Family Link can help you better understand how your children explore online, as well as help manage their accounts and compatible devices.

https://safety.google/families/parental-supervision/

iPads, iPod touch, and iPhone

With Content & Privacy Restrictions in Screen Time, you can block or limit specific apps and features on your child's device. More information is also provided on how to restrict the settings on your iPhone, iPad, or iPod touch for explicit content, purchases and downloads, and privacy.

https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT201304

macOS

Your Mac includes Screen Time to help you ensure your kids have a safe and happy experience on the Mac. You can monitor and manage the time they spend on the Mac and in specific apps, and set time limits for apps.

https://support.apple.com/guide/mac-help/family-comes-first-mchl4a732a3b/10.15/mac/10.15

Windows 10 Laptops/Desktops

Content restrictions can enhance child safety on Windows 10 devices. Here's a few ways to use them, and some related safety features.

https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/help/12439/microsoft-account-set-content-restrictions-on-windows-10-and-xbox-one