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Safe Internet Practices in School

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Beware of the Google

For many students, teachers, and parents, it is a "Google World." People have grown accustomed to the ease and reliability of using this search engine. However, there is a dark side of Google.

Unsuspecting explorers using "the Google" may encounter subject matter that would at best make grown adults a bit squeamish. Children using "the Google" as a search tool can find themselves in a dangerous endeavor and many discourage Google as a search tool for young children. Google can be filtered, but the effectiveness of the filtering is still questionable for children.

The good news is that there are safer ways to search.

TekMom

<http://www.tekmom.com/search/index.html>

This is a "meta" search site. That means that it grabs information from multiple search engines and displays that information in one place.

It organizes the kid-safe content in a logical manner that almost any child can navigate independently.

TekMom is most definitely a first stop search stop for kids.

IvyJoy

<http://ivyjoy.com/rayne/kidsearch.html>

An incredible meta search site, IvyJones displays many major child-friendly search engines right on the main page in an easy-to-use format.

In addition, IvyJones goes a step farther and includes a large list of specialized search engines for children like [Animal Search](#), [How Stuff Works](#), and [NASA for Kids](#).

COFFEE TALK

Can you talk the talk?

Portal: A website that houses links to other content or activities on the Internet.

Googlehacking: A "fun" game where the searcher types in two real words into Google and tries to get Google to only return one response.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

- [RCPS Internet Safety Resource Page](http://www.rcs.k12.va.us/isafety/isafety.shtml)
<http://www.rcs.k12.va.us/isafety/isafety.shtml>
- [Webmania](http://www.rcs.k12.va.us/tech/webmania/kidsearch.htm)
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