



Learn how Whitehouse Independent School District outside of Tyler, Texas uses NetRef's intuitive device monitoring solution to make its one-to-one tech initiative a success.

A former eighth grade history teacher, Technology Integration Specialist Kelci Meadows knows how important an easy-to-use EdTech tool is. When Meadows was tasked to implement Whitehouse's one-to-one tech initiative in secondary grades in the 2020-21 school year, she searched for a device monitoring solution that would help meet the district's goals and support student learning.



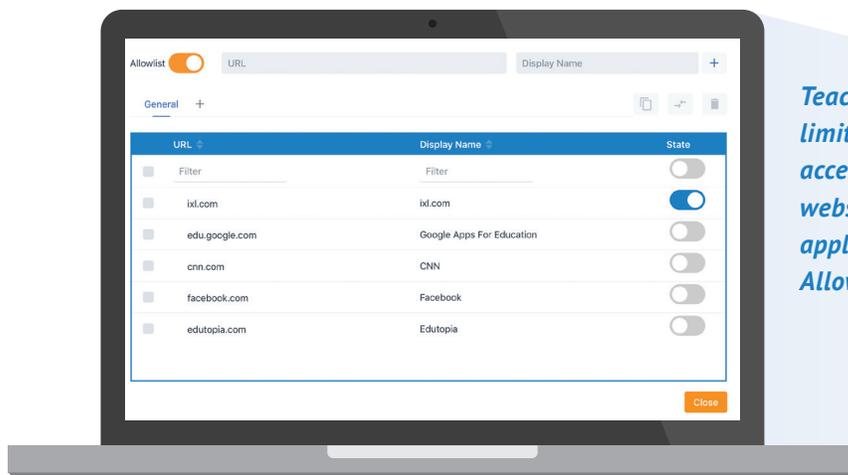
I like how easy the teacher interface was because ultimately that's who we want to be familiar and comfortable with the product.



Easy to Use, Every Day, by Every Teacher

Meadow's search for a solution ended at a conference after investigating several device monitoring tools. NetRef impressed her the most right away. "It caught my attention because the teacher interface was the most simple of all that I saw the demonstrations for." She said the color-coded and easy to use features—such as green to allow students site access and red to block it—are familiar color cues.

Since this fall's implementation, Meadows' says teachers use NetRef every day, from establishing Allowlists that designate which websites students can visit to taking attendance for remote learners. Teachers and administrators also use data from NetRef's engagement and attendance reports to make parent conversations easier. When a parent has questions about how a student was spending his or her time and on what programs, Whitehouse can quickly and confidently address the questions with NetRef's data.



Teachers can limit student access to websites by applying the Allowlist.

Securing Test Taking

While most Whitehouse students are learning on-site, for those who are learning remotely, NetRef has been especially helpful for administering both teacher and standardized assessments – removing an added hurdle when remote learning is necessary. Teachers can ensure their quiz or test is secure by enacting an Allow or Blocklist, or by monitoring which programs students are using during testing. When Whitehouse conducted standardized testing at the beginning of the year, teachers needed to make sure at-home learners—and their parents helping them get logged in and setup for the test—were on the right site, at the right time. Since the assessments were unfamiliar to students and their families, teachers found it helpful to share their screens through NetRef so that students knew exactly where they should be, ensuring a smooth and secure assessment.



Teachers can share screens with remote learners to set up an unfamiliar standardized assessment.

Real-Time Solutions to Address Real World Needs

Teaching is a hands-on process. Whether students are in a classroom or learning from home, a teacher can check a student's work on their device mid-assignment to monitor progress. The teacher can take screenshots of the students' work to refer to when determining whether instruction needs to be adjusted, or when meeting one-on-one with the student to help them complete an assignment successfully.

Responsive, Personalized Support

NetRef's ability to personalize support goes beyond the classroom. Meadows is impressed with NetRef's customer service via email and help desk. "They're fast to act," she says. So fast and available that Meadows has even had questions answered by the company's Director of Education. Truly one-to-one communication all around.