Information Security Questionnaire Results

The following pages contain charts that represent the results of the findings of the Information Security Survey that was given to a total of 488 students from three schools. Sixty-one surveys were thrown out because of inappropriate answers, lack of answers, incorrect age or grade level, etc., leaving a total of 427 valid surveys. Information not included in the compilation is:

- Gender of those surveyed: There were 214 males and 213 females.
- The chart concerning whether or not the students had a computer was left out because that information could be found on later answers as well, but 408 students did have computers and 19 did not.
- The question concerning which Internet Service Provider. The top five ISPs were:
  - America Online
  - Net Nicto—a local ISP for one of the middle schools
  - MSN
  - Yahoo DSL
  - Insight BB—a local cable company’s ISP
- The question concerning specific rules for using the computer was also left out because this was a written answer rather than a more simple answer. The five main rules for using the computer were:
  - Time limits
  - Staying off inappropriate websites
  - Staying away from pornographic websites
  - Asking for permission before using the computer
  - Restrictions on chat rooms or instant messenger
Student Age Distribution

- 11 year olds: 24, 6%
- 12 year olds: 61, 14%
- 13 year olds: 8, 2%
- 14 year olds: 122, 28%
- 15 year olds: 124, 29%
- 16 year olds: 88, 21%

Racial Background

- Caucasian: 379, 89%
- African American: 10, 2%
- Asian American: 2, 0%
- Native American: 16, 4%
- Hispanic: 10, 2%
- Mixed: 3, 1%
- Middle Eastern: 16, 4%
Does Your Home have Internet Access?

- 380, 89%
- 19, 4%
- 28, 7%
- 0, 0%

Grade Level Distribution

- 135, 32%
- 124, 29%
- 82, 19%
- 86, 20%

- 6th Grade
- 7th Grade
- 8th Grade
- 9th Grade
What Type of Connection does your Home Have?

- Dialup: 341, 80%
- DSL: 47, 11%
- Cable: 21, 5%
- Not Applicable: 18, 4%

Do Your Parents Use Parental Controls?

- Yes: 248, 58%
- No: 132, 31%
- Not Applicable: 47, 11%
What Are The Top Three Things That You Do Most Often While Online At Home?

- Use the Internet for School
- Talk to Friends
- Email People
- Play Games
- Download Music or Programs
- Look at Websites that Interest You
- Not Applicable

Would You Say You Use Your Home Computer More For School Work Or More For Your Own Personal Use?

- Personal: 316, 74%
- School: 47, 11%
- Both: 9, 2%
- Not Applicable: 55, 13%
Do Your Parents Have Any Rules For Using The Computer?

- Yes: 217, 51%
- No: 163, 38%
- Not Applicable: 47, 11%

I Have Used The Internet To Download Music Or Programs Using File-Sharing Programs Like Kazaa Or Audio Galaxy

- TRUE: 236, 55%
- FALSE: 150, 35%
- Not Sure: 41, 10%
I Check For Viruses When I Download A File Or Open An Email Attachment

- TRUE: 191 (45%)
- FALSE: 59 (14%)
- Not Sure: 177 (41%)

My School Uses Programs To Keep Me From Looking At Sites That Are Inappropriate For School

- TRUE: 344 (81%)
- FALSE: 65 (15%)
- Not Sure: 18 (4%)
There is nothing wrong with downloading music, videos, or programs for free without permission.

When I have an important document for school, I save the file in more than one location, such as on the hard drive and onto a floppy disk or CD.
I Have Been Harassed While Online By People I Did Not Know

- 262 (62%): TRUE
- 142 (33%): FALSE
- 23 (5%): Not Sure

I Have Been Sent Inappropriate Material While Online

- 239 (56%): TRUE
- 175 (41%): FALSE
- 13 (3%): Not Sure
I Told My Parents Or Someone In Authority When I Was Harassed Or Sent Inappropriate Material While Online.

I Use Instant Messaging Programs Such As AOL Instant Messenger, MSN Messenger, Yahoo, ICQ, Etc.
I Use Chat Rooms

- True: 212, 50%
- False: 205, 48%
- Not Sure: 10, 2%
- Not Applicable

I Chat With People Online Whom I Have Never Met In Person

- True: 169, 40%
- False: 203, 47%
- Not Sure: 28, 7%
- Not Applicable
Sometimes I Am Not Sure If I Can Trust That The Person I Am Chatting With Is Who They Say They Are

I Have Bought Things Online
I Have Bought Things Online Without A Parent’s Permission

- True: 385, 90%
- False: 28, 7%
- Not Sure: 14, 3%

I Know How To Tell If A Website Is Secure And Safe To Give Information To

- True: 200, 47%
- False: 136, 32%
- Not Sure: 91, 21%
A Parent Or I Check For Patches Or Other Downloads For My Computer To Make It Safer From Hackers

I Disconnect From The Internet When I Am Not Using It Rather Than Putting Up An Away Message Or Simply Leaving It Connected
I Have Used Or Have Come In Contact With A Firewall Or Filtering Software

- TRUE: 169, 40%
- FALSE: 120, 28%
- Not Sure: 138, 32%

I Use The Same Password For Everything That Needs A Password

- TRUE: 257, 60%
- FALSE: 142, 33%
- Not Sure: 28, 7%
I Have Used The Internet To Make Fun Of Other People Or Say Bad Things About Them Because I Knew No One Would Know It Was I Who Did It

When The Allotted Trial Time Has Passed On Freeware/Shareware, I Always Either Delete The Program Or Purchase It
When The Allotted Trial Time Has Passed On Freeware/Shareware, I Have Downloaded Or Borrowed A “Crack” For It So I Could Continue Using It For Free

I Am Concerned About Someone Stealing Information About Myself When I Am Online
You Can’t Get In Trouble For Changing Someone’s Website Because It’s Not “Real”

![Pie chart showing the distribution of responses to the statement.]

- **TRUE**: 263 (61%)
- **FALSE**: 45 (11%)
- **Not Sure**: 119 (28%)

If You See Something From A Website That You Want To Put Into A Paper You’re Writing For School, You Typically:

- **Just copy and paste the text into the paper word for word knowing you’re never going to get caught**: 155 (36%)
- **Copy and paste the text into the paper and then change the words around so it sounds more like something you would write**: 50 (12%)
- **Copy and paste the text into the paper and write in the paper where you got the information from**: 140 (33%)
- **I’ve never done any of these before**: 82 (19%)
If You Hear A Song On The Radio That You Really Like, You Typically

- Go home and download the mp3 from Kazaa or other file sharing service for free (40%, 176)
- Have your friend download the song and make a CD for you (28%, 118)
- Go out and buy the CD or have your parents buy it for you (13%, 54)
- I’ve never done any of these before (19%, 79)

When You Receive A File That You Are Not Expecting, You Typically

- Delete the file immediately without opening it (45%, 196)
- Open the file to see what it is (19%, 80)
- Email the sender to find out what the file is (7%, 29)
- I’ve never done any of these before (29%, 122)
When You Receive An Email From A Person You Do Not Know, You Typically:

- Delete it without opening it: 218 (51%)
- Open it to find out what it is: 124 (29%)
- Email the person back and tell them not to email you again: 26 (6%)
- I’ve never done any of these before: 59 (14%)

An Example Of A Good Password Would Be:

- The name of my favorite character from a TV show: 69 (16%)
- My pet’s name: 86 (20%)
- Taking a line from a song and using the first initial from each word: 162 (38%)
- My birthday: 110 (26%)
If You Are harassed Online By Someone, You Typically:

- Give it right back. The guy probably deserves it too (44%)
- Ignore it. Sticks and stones and all that (26%)
- Report it to the proper authorities or a parent (19%)
- Block that person’s email and screen name (11%)

Your Teacher Leaves A File Open On His Desktop That Contains Next Week’s Test And The Answer Key, And You Know He’s Not Going To Be Back For Awhile. You:

- Print out a copy for yourself because he’d never know someone did (69%)
- Minimize the window so no one else knows that he left it up (18%)
- Change the questions and answers because he’d never know it was you (11%)
- Leave it and avoid temptation (2%)