

Gaggle Brings Real Time Web Filter to Apple Devices and Safari

CHICAGO, IL, UNITED STATES, October 20, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Gaggle, a trusted partner in K-12 student safety for more than 25 years, today announced that its Real Time Web Filter now protects students in Safari on Mac and iPad. The Gaggle Web

Filter Safari extension gives districts the same real-time classification, the same policies, and the same named-student reporting on Apple devices that they already rely on everywhere else.



For districts with Apple devices in the mix, the gap has been hard to close. Safari is the default browser on almost every district iPad and Mac, and Apple's extension model differs from Chrome's. Many filters have a blind spot that's shaped like an Apple. Gaggle's extension keeps protection consistent across every device in a district.

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Traditional filters rely on static lists, and they block only what they already know. With more than 1 million new sites created every day, that approach leaves districts exposed. Gaggle's Real Time Web Filter reads the live page and categorizes unfamiliar sites within seconds of first visit. That rule then applies to every other student without manual effort.

On Mac and iPad, the Safari extension brings that same capability to the browser students use most:

- Real-time classification of new and unknown sites, on both iPad and Mac.
- Per-student reporting on Apple devices, with near-real-time activity reports and up to a year of history.
- Strong enforcement. The extension evaluates each request inside the browser, before it leaves the device.
- Protection on and off the district network, including take-home devices.
- Less work for IT. Gaggle maintains categories across millions of sites, and policy changes

propagate in minutes.

Four policy layers. One clear answer for every student.

Safari on Mac and iPad now runs on the same policy hierarchy that already protects students on every other district device, configured once in the Gaggle Portal. Four stacked layers let districts fine-tune access, and the layer nearer the top always wins:

1. Penalty Box: temporary, maximum control that expires automatically.
2. User Policies: targeted access for individual students or small groups.
3. Group Policies: age-appropriate access by school or grade band.
4. Default Policy: a district-wide safety net with CIPA-aligned categories blocked and maintained by Gaggle.

Policies follow the student, not the device, so the same rules apply from a school lab to a take-home iPad, and principals can manage their own buildings without district-wide edit rights.

"Districts shouldn't have to choose between the devices their students use and the protection those students need. Safari is where students work on Mac and iPad, so that's where protection has to be. Now it is, with the same policies, the same reporting, and the same real-time intelligence our districts already count on."

—Chris Poulton, Head of Product, Gaggle

Built for the way districts manage Apple fleets

The Safari extension deploys as a device-based install through Jamf Pro, Intune, or Mosyle, and is automatically recognized as a managed device. Gaggle's Web Filter is cloud-based, with no on-premises appliances or hardware. Gaggle maintains pre-configured CIPA-aligned categories that strengthen a district's compliance from the moment the filter is turned on.

Gaggle's Web Filter focuses on student safety and compliance, not classroom surveillance. It also works alongside [Gaggle Safety Management](#) and [Web Activity Monitoring](#) as part of a coordinated view of student digital activity.

Availability

To see Gaggle Web Filter in action or to map a deployment to your device fleet, visit gaggle.net/web-filter, call 1-800-288-7750, or email sales@gaggle.net.

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