



Parental Controls for TV / Android / Google / PC / Apple

(Another option is phones like Gabb or Bark that are pre-restricted, limited in their capability)

TV and Tablets

Ideally, your kids are unable (restricted) from getting into streaming services/profiles and app's that are not age-appropriate (Pin Codes for non-age appropriate services and shows). That one is pretty easy.

Remember, 74% of kids say they can get around their parent's security features.

Tablets, ideally, have internet search disabled. Tablets can utilize same Parental Control Apps as Phones (below) for screentime and app restrictions.

Computers

Computer parental controls are largely there to monitor internet use and downloading of apps and programs. The key to effectively having good parental control over a computer is using the native parental control program for that Operating System.

Parental Control applications are marketed to work well across other brands of technology, but that is not the case.

PC's (Windows): Microsoft Family Link, and Microsoft Edge Browser

Google Chromebooks (Chrome): Family Link, and Chrome Browser

Apple MacBooks (iOS): Apple Family Sharing + ScreenTime, and use Safari.

Phones (can include tablets)

Phones are similar to computers. The native apps are more reliable, free, but limited in scope. If you aren't allowing social media, computer gaming and open streaming, in most cases native apps are preferable. If you're kids have access to internet, YouTube, social media, then you will want additional 'Outside Apps.'

Native Phone Parental Control Apps

Android / Google Phones: Google Family Link

Apple: ScreenTime in Apple Family Settings

Outside Parental Control Apps (Phone + Computers)

Bark, Covenant Eyes, Qustodia, Aura. All are paid subscriptions.