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Keeping Students Safe with Cisco Security Connector on iOS

Introduction

Shawnee Heights chose Cisco Security Connector on iOS to keep students safe from cyber attacks or connecting to compromised, unsecured networks. iPads allow students to unleash their creativity while working on the safest mobile operating system in the world. However, although iOS is safe and secure, the Internet is not. With this in mind, Shawnee Heights turned to the Cisco Security to gain needed control and visibility into internet traffic created by the fleet of 3500 iPads issued to students.

Results

During a 30-day period, Cisco Security Connector for iOS blocked 23,000 of 33.9 million Internet requests due to security concerns. As a result:

Shawnee Heights is confident the 3500 iPads issued to students are kept secure when students leave school and are connected to unsecured networks

Students can safely and easily access what they need while not worrying about falling victim to cyber attacks

Business challenge and results summary

Shawnee Heights School District 450 is a public school district in Tecumseh, Kansas. Enabling collaboration between its 3500 students and their teachers is extremely important to the district, so it issued an iPad to each student. Shawnee Heights also takes security seriously and believes that keeping students safe from harmful threats on the Internet is its responsibility.

Initially, Shawnee Heights IT deployed a web proxy on student iPads that required authentication to filter Internet traffic. This approach proved complicated and cumbersome for both students and Shawnee Heights IT. To make filtering Internet traffic easier and more effective for IT, as well as transparent to students, the team turned to Cisco Security Connector for iOS—an app optimized for iOS and comprised of Cisco Umbrella and Cisco Amp for Endpoints. The result is Shawnee Heights IT now has visibility into network traffic from student iPads and can address security concerns in real time.
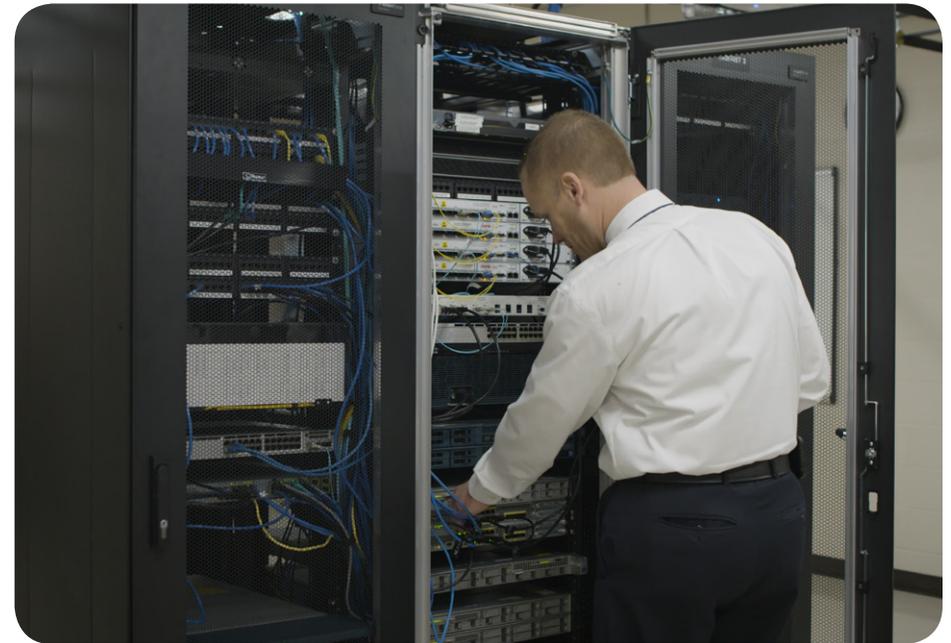
> "Cisco Security Connector has been one of the best purchases we have made. It gives me peace of mind knowing that our staff, students, and devices are protected."
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