

Unity Christian School

# How They Built a Thoughtful Tech Environment with Gaggle

As a small, private school, Unity Christian School, needs to make smart decisions to maximize student success.

## FAST FACTS



**UNITY  
CHRISTIAN  
SCHOOL**

**Location:** Decatur, IL

**Technology Lead:**  
Brenda Salogga, Technology  
Coordinator

**Students Using Web Filter:**  
~390

**Device Model:**  
1:1 Chromebooks

With a small IT team, the school needed technology solutions that were simple to manage but strong in impact. That meant creating an environment where tools work together. The school ultimately landed on a unified approach: school-owned Chromebooks paired with Hapara for classroom management and Gaggle's Web Filter for online safety. Each tool added value on its own, but together, they created a synergy that aligned with the school's commitment to safe, effective learning.

Brenda Salogga, Unity's Technology Coordinator, said one of the biggest improvements came with gaining more control. With school-owned devices, the team could set standards, reduce distractions, and respond quickly when issues arose.

## WHY GAGGLE WEB FILTER MADE THE DIFFERENCE

When it came to web filtering, Unity needed a solution that could do more than just block websites. Gaggle's Web Filter offered real-time protection, easy policy updates, and powerful tools like the Penalty Box, giving Unity a way to intervene when students made repeated unsafe choices online.

Brenda recalled using the feature with a student who had misused their online access. The student was limited to approved tools like Google, code.org, and math videos. "They

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TECHNOLOGY COORDINATOR**

didn't push back at all," she said. "It was easy to manage and really effective." Her advice for other schools: "Don't hesitate to use the Penalty Box. It works."

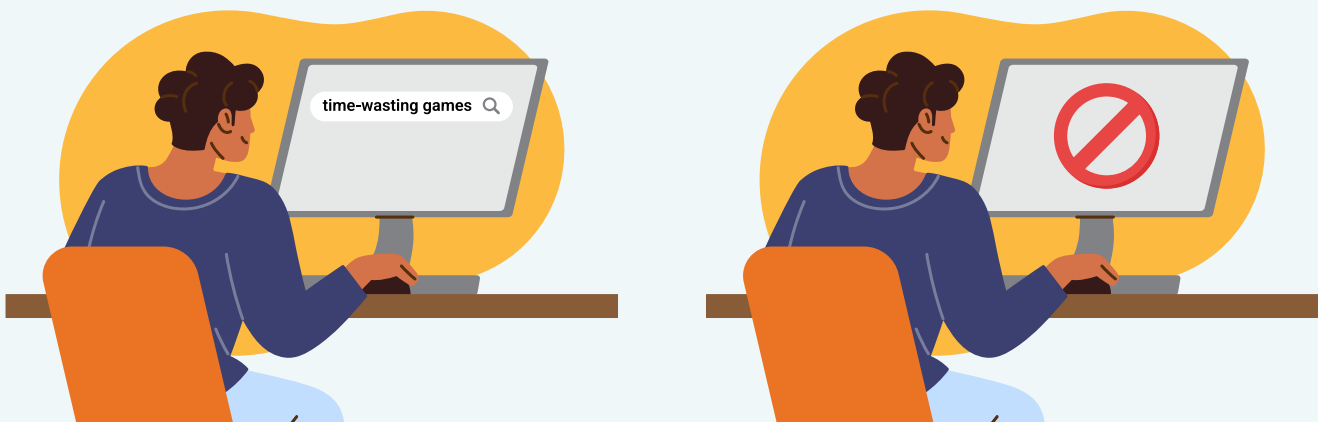
The rollout was smooth. Brenda described it as "seamless," with only a few quick adjustments needed. They experienced benefits immediately. The straightforward site-unblocking process and the filter's ability to recheck and update as content changes were winning features. Unity found a solution that was both proactive and sustainable. "I'd much rather unblock a safe site here or there than risk exposure to something that isn't," Brenda said.

Unity Christian School's story shows what's possible when small schools make smart, intentional choices. With Gaggle's Web Filter, they've built a safer digital environment that supports their mission and protects their students.

**Learn More about Gaggle's Real-Time Web Filter** [www.gaggle.net/web-filter](http://www.gaggle.net/web-filter)

## Proactive Filtering Prevents Harm

Technology has evolved and can review site in rec.



Gaggle's mission is simple yet profound: empower educators to proactively safeguard students' well-being with innovative, real-time monitoring and a human-centric approach to intervention. As these Ohio districts have discovered, when it comes to protecting students, there is no substitute for vigilance, trust, and an unwavering commitment to care.

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