

MEDIA AWARENESS NETWORK'S
PASSPORT TO THE INTERNET
STUDENT TUTORIAL FOR INTERNET LITERACY
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WHAT IS *PASSPORT TO THE INTERNET*?

Passport to the Internet is an interactive Internet literacy tutorial that helps students develop the critical thinking skills they need to apply to their online experiences.

Using simulations of this age group's most popular Internet environments, this interactive resource teaches students about online safety, authenticating online information, recognizing online marketing ploys, protecting their privacy, managing online relationships and dealing with cyberbullying.

WHAT GRADE LEVELS IS THIS RESOURCE DESIGNED FOR?

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The *Passport to the Internet* resource is designed to be used by students in Grades 4 to 8 inclusive, and has been licensed for use only by publicly funded Alberta schools that teach Grades 4 through 8.

IS THIS RESOURCE AVAILABLE IN BOTH ENGLISH AND FRENCH?

Yes, the *Passport to the Internet* resource is available in both English and French.

IS THERE A COST TO USE THIS RESOURCE?

No, Alberta Education has licensed this resource for use by all publicly funded schools in the province that teach Grades 4 to 8.

MY JURISDICTION OR SCHOOL HAS ALREADY LICENSED THIS RESOURCE. WILL WE RECEIVE A REFUND?

Yes. Any jurisdiction that has already purchased a license for this resource from MNet will receive a pro-rated refund based on the remaining term of their agreement, minus a \$150.00 administrative fee.

WHAT TYPE OF RESOURCE IS PASSPORT TO THE INTERNET?

Passport to the Internet is an Internet-based literacy tutorial that helps students in Grades 4 to 8 develop the critical thinking skills they need to apply to their online experiences.

Using simulations of this age group's most popular Internet environments, this interactive resource teaches students key skills relating to:

- Online safety;
- Authenticating online information;
- Recognizing online marketing ploys;
- Protecting privacy online;
- Managing online relationships; and
- Dealing with cyberbullying.

Passport to the Internet includes:

- An interactive online tutorial; and
- An extensive Teacher's Guide with detailed instructions, backgrounders, and classroom activities and handouts.

WHO IS MEDIA AWARENESS NETWORK (MNET)?

Media Awareness Network is a Canadian non-profit, national organization based in Ottawa that has been pioneering the development of media and digital literacy programs since 1996. Staffed by a team of professionals with backgrounds in education, journalism, mass communications and cultural policy, Media Awareness Network produces award winning education and awareness programs and resources. Its website, <http://www.media-awareness.net/>, offers over 4,000 resources that educators can use for free.

IS THIS THE ONLY MEDIA AWARENESS NETWORK RESOURCE LICENSED BY ALBERTA EDUCATION?

No, Alberta Education has also licensed Media Awareness Network's Web Awareness Workshop Series, comprised of five professional development workshops for teachers that are designed to examine Internet safety, privacy, marketing, cyberbullying and the authentication of online information. This resource is also available to all publicly funded Alberta K-12 schools, free of charge until August 31, 2011, from the same location as the *Passport to the Internet*. (See *How do I Access this Resource?* below.)

HOW DO I ACCESS THIS RESOURCE?

Passport to the Internet is hosted on servers located within the MNet corporate infrastructure and is accessed via the following URLs:

English Version <http://mnet.hypernet.ca/e/>

French Version <http://mnet.hypernet.ca/f/>

These URLs are password protected. Passwords have been sent to Jurisdiction Technology Contacts.

Additionally, the site can be accessed through the LearnAlberta.ca website.

CAN STUDENTS AND TEACHERS ACCESS THE PASSPORT TO THE INTERNET RESOURCE OUTSIDE OF THE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT?

Yes. Teachers and students from all publicly funded Alberta schools involved in Grades 4 to 8 are permitted to access the *Passport to the Internet* resource from any computer with an Internet connection. Parents are also invited to become familiar with the resource if they wish to assist their children in the use of this training material. However, the URLs used to access this resource must not be shared with any individual outside your jurisdiction or school.

IS THERE ANY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AVAILABLE FOR TEACHERS RELATED TO USING THE *PASSPORT TO THE INTERNET* RESOURCE?

Passport to the Internet includes a downloadable comprehensive Teacher's Guide as well as a Quick Start Guide.

WHO DO I CONTACT IF I NEED MORE HELP?

If you have any further questions or concerns regarding the use of this resource please contact the following:

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