

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?

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 actively 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 THE MEDIA AWARENESS NETWORK (MNET)?

MNet 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, MNet 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 MNet'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 URLs that have been released to Alberta Education for distribution to all eligible schools.

In order to gain access to the PDF that contains the URLs for both the English and French versions of the resource, your jurisdiction or schools must request the file by logging in to the [Alberta Education Learning Resources Centre \(LRC\) website](#). Once logged in, you will be required to provide your e-mail address, phone number, name and jurisdiction or school. You will also be asked to read and agree to the MNet terms and conditions before being granted access to download the file that contains the private URLs for accessing the resource.

DO I REQUIRE A LOGIN-ID AND PASSWORD TO ACCESS THE LEARNING RESOURCES CENTRE WEBSITE?

Yes, access to the LRC website requires a login-id and password. Most Alberta school jurisdictions already have an established login-id to access the resources available on the LRC website, including both MNet resources and a number of other resources made available by Alberta Education.

DOES EVERY TEACHER OR SCHOOL WISHING TO USE THE RESOURCE HAVE TO DOWNLOAD THEIR OWN COPY OF THE ACCESS URL'S?

No, the preferred method of access is for each jurisdiction to login to the LRC website and download a copy of the *Passport to the Internet* PDF file containing the MNet URLs. The jurisdiction can then distribute the PDF to its Grade 4 to 8 schools and teachers, providing the URL information is not publicly available to anyone outside the school or jurisdiction. The recommended approach for distributing the *Passport to the Internet* URL information would be for a jurisdiction to make a copy of the PDF file available on the jurisdiction's internal Intranet, and advertise the location to all schools and teachers.

I CANNOT ACCESS THE LEARNING RESOURCES CENTRE WEBSITE. WHAT SHOULD I DO?

Most jurisdictions have a user login-id and password to access LRC resources. If you are not able to obtain a valid user-id, then you must contact the LRC Customer Support Help Desk and they will guide you through the registration process.

Please see the FAQ above to review the preferred method of accessing the MNet *Passport to the Internet* resource.

The LRC help desk can be reached as follows:

LRC Support Centre
Website Technical Inquiries, Technology Initiatives - Content Delivery Devices, Microsoft Work-at-Home Rights and Education Standing Offers Support
780-427-2767 (Option 1-6)
lrc.support@gov.ab.ca

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 Teachers Guide as well as a Quick Start Guide.

2Learn.ca Educational Society is also creating a professional development program related to these resources. 2Learn.ca can be reached at:

The 2Learn.ca Education Society
Room 210, 15120 - 104 Avenue
Edmonton, AB T5P 4H9
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<http://www.2learn.ca>

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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