

Navigating the Internet

Terms to Know

Internet— A global, information-sharing network.

World Wide Web—A collection of informational pages, or websites, that are accessed through the internet.

Network—A group of computers connected to each other in order to share information

ISP—Internet Service Provider. The company you buy your internet access from.

Cloud—Internet-based storage for files and information

Internet Browsers

Browsers connect you to the internet and the world wide web. All browsers will have an address bar and a search bar to help you find webpages and information easily. They will also save your bookmarks (shortcuts to websites that you want to access often.) and your search history.

Popular web browsers include Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox and Safari (Mac).

Staying Safe Online

- Be aware of the websites that you enter your personal information, including credit card information, to. Any site you make a purchase on should be secure. If you see a web address starting with `https://`, you know it is secure. Some websites will tell you if they are not secure.
- Use secure passwords. Aim for about 8 characters, in a combination of letters, numbers and symbols. Some websites will have guidelines for creating secure passwords that require you to follow. Never use personal information, such as your birthdate, in a password!
- Review your privacy and security settings on your internet browser and social media accounts. You can find this under “settings”.
- Keep your browsers and software up to date. Updates will often include updates to virus protection and will fix holes in security.