



Cyber Security Initiative for Nevada Teachers

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Introduction

I teach at Damonte Ranch High School in Reno, NV. I have two Freshmen Biology classes , a credit recovery class and a class every day for 50 minutes at the end of the day we call IC. It is a class set up like a study hall but we also do whole class lessons.

Background

When walking around school and going into different classrooms, I have noticed that many teachers leave their computer screen unlocked. I have developed a quick but informative lesson on why they need to lock their screen.



Explanation

Starting with a clip from Ferris Bueller’s Day Off, I will show the teachers how easy students can access sensitive information by hacking into accounts. Explain to teachers that many teachers leave their computers unlocked without realizing it. This PD will show teachers the simple way to lock their computer, show them which is better for a password, length or complexity, and why students should also lock their computer screen. Extension: have teachers explain this to the students.

Cyber Security quick hits

Security vs. Privacy
Passwords- how easy they are to hack and how to develop better ones.
 Protection vs. Security
 Dangers of pictures on the internet- how people can get your location and how pictures never go away
 Possibilities of cyber security education
 What you could study at college



Activities

Class demonstration on how quickly a basic password can be stolen or hacked. Have teachers try to create a password that is strong using 4/6/10/12 characters and then see how strong it is using <http://howsecureismypassword.net> have teachers test their own password to see the strength.

Characters	Example	Time to crack
4	1994	almost instantly
5	aFv7!	0.677 seconds
6	8H_p 8	52 seconds
7	@t!9Nra	5 hours
8	93z<D2SY	5 days
9	f!*E7"BUx	5 years
10]vBbaX5-Z	526 years
11	8_3aM-:4#RM	50,000 years
12	R6tvSnn?:7@{	4 million years

Pre/Post PD Questions

How many of you know how to lock your computer screen?
 Do you lock your computer screen when you leave the classroom?
 How strong do you feel your password is?



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