

Summary

Google has made changes to the way they are limiting access to YouTube, they are moving away from "**YouTube for Schools**" and are now recommending "**YouTube Restricted Mode**". Restricted Mode is different from YouTube for Schools in that YouTube for School was content ONLY from Educational content providers where Redistricted mode can allow videos from ANY source as long as they are not deemed objectionable by Google. So there may be videos that are not objectionable but are not appropriate for a school environment since they do not provide any educational value. Also, there is no way to block a video you do find inappropriate, all you can do is flag it and hope Google will mark it as restricted. But if you are Google Apps for Education school this is the Google recommended solution.

Information from Google about "YouTube Restricted Mode": Google's official announcement from the [YouTube for Schools](#) webpage. As of July 1, 2016, "YouTube for Schools" will no longer be available. We are offering current YouTube for Schools users and all Google Apps users a new way restrict YouTube content with YouTube settings configurable in Google Apps for Work, Education, and Government. Non-profit educational institutions can sign up for free access to Google Apps for Education. If you choose not to use Apps for Education, you can still choose to restrict YouTube on your network."

YouTube settings in Google Admin Console allows administrators to restrict which YouTube videos are viewable, which videos might show up as recommendations, and which videos are returned in YouTube Search results for signed-in Apps users in your organization. You can apply any one of 4 permissions policies in YouTube settings, configurable by each organizational unit:

- Strict Restricted YouTube access—Enabled by default only when you choose the option "restrict content for logged-in users in your organization".
- Moderate Restricted YouTube access—Users can only watch restricted and approved videos. This offering is

similar to the Restricted Mode setting in the YouTube app and offers a larger corpus of videos than the Strict offering.

- Unrestricted YouTube access—Users can browse all of YouTube when signed-in even if you've also set network-level restrictions.
- Can approve videos—You can designate individuals or organizational units to approve videos so that signed-in users in their organization can watch them.

What is YouTube Restricted Mode? "Restricted Mode is an opt-in setting available on the computer and mobile site that helps screen out potentially objectionable content that you may prefer not to see or don't want others in your family to stumble across while enjoying YouTube. You can think of this as a parental control setting for YouTube."

How does Restricted Mode work? "While it's not 100 percent accurate, we use community flagging, age-restrictions, and other signals to identify and filter out inappropriate content."

If you are Google Apps for Education School then Google's recommended solution to Restrict YouTube content on your network or managed devices is to configure Domain Name System (DNS) on your network to add a Canonical Name (CNAME) for the following hostnames:

- www.youtube.com
- m.youtube.com
- youtubei.googleapis.com
- youtube.googleapis.com
- www.youtube-nocookie.com

*** You DO NOT need to do this step, we do this for you when you enable "**Force YouTube Restricted Mode**" under task center.

For Strict Restricted YouTube access, add **restrict.youtube.com** as a CNAME for these domains. For Moderate Restricted YouTube access, add **restrictmoderate.youtube.com** as a CNAME for these domains. ["Restrict YouTube content on your network or managed devices"](#)

Applies To

SecureSchool

More Information

To Enable YouTube Restricted mode on SecureSchool:

1. Login into SecureSchool web interface, under Task Center, check **Force YouTube Restricted Mode**.

2. Make the following sites UNFILTERED to allow access YouTube for your users.

1. Login to SecureSchool Web interface >
2. Website Filtering >
3. Website Access >
4. Add a Site >
5. Website Address > **LIST BELOW**
6. Reason for Changes > Allow Access to YouTube
7. Filtering > Unfiltered
8. Port Access > Check > Add Port Access Rules
9. Select additional Filter Sets if needed
10. Submit
11. Repeat Steps 4 thru 10 for: **youtube.com**
,yting.com ,googlevideo.com ,googleapis.com ,
ggpht.com, youtube-nocookie.com and
youtu.be
12. Commit Changes and Restart Services

Sign into the Google Admin console and complete the following:

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1. From your dashboard, click Apps > Additional Google Services.
2. In the list of services, click YouTube.
3. On the YouTube settings page, click Content settings.
4. Check "Signed in users in your organization can only watch restricted and approved videos"
5. Save Settings

Know Issue with a missing "Approve Button"

1. The issue is that some channels had a missing "Approve" button when trying to approve a whole channel.
2. If the approve button is missing, then click the videos tab and start watching one of the videos from the channel.
3. Once it starts playing, hit the back button on your browser until you get back to the channel.
4. Approve button should be there.

References

- YouTube settings in Google Apps
- https://support.google.com/a/topic/6206681?hl=en&ref_topic=6259349&vid=1-6357810342604946
- Give unrestricted YouTube access
- https://support.google.com/a/answer/6208228?hl=en&ref_topic=6248111&vid=1-6357810342604946
- Add YouTube video approvers - <https://support.google.com/a/answer/6208224?vid=1-635781034260494669-395251127>
- How to flag a video as inappropriate
- <https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/2802027?hl=en>
- More ways for schools & organizations to manage YouTube
- <https://blog.google/topics/education/more-ways-for-schools-organizations-to/>

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K12USA Support Knowledge Base

<https://kb.k12usa.com/Knowledgebase/YouTube-Restricted-Mode>