Parental Control Solutions Comparison

Solution	Cost	Setup Difficulty	Key Features	Filtering Options	
Router-Based Solutions					
OpenDNS Home	Free (Basic) \$19.95/year (Premium)	Moderate	 DNS-based filtering Phishing protection Custom block pages Premium: Stats and logs 	Whitelist Blacklist	
Circle Home Plus	\$69 + \$10/month	Easy	 Whole-home coverage Individual profiles Time limits Mobile protection 	Whitelist Blacklist	
Gryphon Guardian	\$99 (Basic) +\$7.99/month (Premium)	Moderate	AI-based securityMalware filteringScreen time limits	Whitelist Blacklist	
PC Solutions					
Kaspersky Safe Kids	Free (Basic) \$14.99/year (Premium)	Easy	 Web filtering App control (Premium) YouTube monitoring (Premium) GPS tracking (Premium) 	Whitelist Blacklist	
Microsoft Family Safety	Free	Easy	Built into WindowsApp/game limitsLocation sharing	Blacklist Limited Whitelist	
Mac Solutions					
Built-in Screen Time	Free	Easy	Built into macOSApp limitsContent restrictions	Whitelist Blacklist	
Qustodio	Free (1 device) \$54.95/year (5 devices)	Easy	 Time quotas Social monitoring (Premium) Panic button (Premium) 	Whitelist Blacklist	
Chromebook Solutions					
Family Link	Free	Easy	Built into Chrome OSApp approvalLocation tracking	Whitelist Blacklist	
Mobicip	Free (Basic) \$49.99/year (5 devices)	Easy	 Smart filtering YouTube monitoring (Premium) Remote management (Premium) 	Whitelist Blacklist	

Enterprise School Filtering Solutions

Solution	Core Features	Administration	Unique Strengths
Lightspeed Filter™	 Smart Play™ for YouTube filtering Real-time AI behavioral monitoring SSL decryption Cross-platform support Cloud-based deployment 	 Centralized dashboard Granular policy controls District-wide reporting CIPA compliance tools 	 Patented agents for all devices/locations Integration with Lightspeed ecosystem Zero-touch deployment
GoGuardian Admin	 Smart filtering engine Off-campus filtering Self-harm and violence detection YouTube management Chromebook-focused solutions 	 Custom policies by grade/group Activity timeline Real-time alerts Theft recovery tools 	 Strong Google Workspace integration Al-powered content analysis Classroom management tools included
Securly	 Cloud-based web filtering 24/7 Al-based scanning Parent portal access Sentiment analysis Multi-OS support 	 Automated weekly reports Customizable policies Emergency notification system Delegate admin rights 	 Built-in wellness checks Parent engagement tools Free home licenses for families

Note: Enterprise solutions require direct contact with vendors for pricing. Features may vary based on subscription level and deployment options. Most vendors offer free trials or pilot programs for schools. For Lightspeed, AE-Tech has negotiated special renewal pricing which can be found here.