

To Stream or Not To Stream



Many of our users are wondering what happened to Disney+... First it just started appearing as a blank screen and now it is blocked on the school network.

Here's the story... on Disney+...

Someone called me to report that Disney+ was appearing as a blank screen. When I checked on it I ended up contacting Disney+ support to see if it was okay to have classroom screenings of the Disney+ content. The Disney+ support agent informed me that according to the Disney+ and ESPN+ Subscriber Agreement Section 3 b iv. (Copyright License and Grant Restrictions) states...

“Restrictions on Your Use of the Disney+ Content and ESPN+ Content. You agree that as a condition of your license, you may not and agree not to use the Disney+ Service or the ESPN+ Service for any commercial or business related use or in any commercial establishment or area open to the public (e.g., lobby, bar, restaurant, diner, stadium, casino, club, cafe, theater, etc.) or build a business utilizing the Disney+ Content or ESPN+ Content or Disney+ Service or ESPN+ Service, whether or not for profit;”

I was also told that it is not acceptable for a teacher to display the Disney+ content through a projector for an entire class to view.

I contacted Disney+ support again to verify and received basically the same information.

I also asked if there were school accounts available for purchase that would allow for classroom streaming and they apologized that at this time that is not offered.

So... Disney+ has been blocked via our WatchGuard firewall.

Here's the story... on Netflix...

Chris contacted Netflix and they pointed him to a section of their Terms of Use (Section 4.2) which states:

4.2. The Netflix service and any content viewed through our service are for your personal and non-commercial use only and may not be shared with individuals beyond your household. During your Netflix membership, we grant you a limited, non-exclusive, non-transferable right to access the Netflix service and view Netflix content through the service. Except for the foregoing, no right, title or interest shall be transferred to you. You agree not to use the service for public performances.

So... Netflix is blocked on the WatchGuard firewall also.

We did find out that Netflix does allow the showing of some Netflix original documentaries are available for a one-time educational screening. But these cannot be shown multiple times during a single day. If you find something that you wish to show to one class on a single day, you can submit a [Technology Help Ticket](#) (well in advance) and we can allow your computer to stream the desired content.

What about other streaming sites? They should state their restrictions in their terms of service.

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