

LANTeacher Options *(Courtesy of Terry Hickman, AHS)*

To get to these options, Click on 'Administer'. Under this option, click on 'Preferences'.

It is in this window that you can alter a lot of your options.

I'll go through this tab by tab.

Teacher

You can alter the message given to the Student machines when you blank their screen.

You can choose whether or not you want sounds played when you show your Teacher screen on the Student machines.

Student

You can choose to disable the Student's keyboard/mouse when you take over control of their machine by remote.

You can choose what information you want on the student thumbnails when viewing the whole class (Current Application/Current Website they are using)

You can also choose to notify the student when you are limiting (blocking) their websites or applications.

Web Limiting

Under this tab you have three choices of what happens when you limit student browsing:

1. Block all web browsing.
2. You can create a list of websites that are the ONLY ones the students can get to.
 - a. I don't use this one, because once you get into a website (such as the school's or powerschool) the html address changes enough that the software will sometimes block parts of the websites you told it to allow.
3. You can create a list of websites that are blocked on all machines.
 - a. Helpful to limit game playing.

You can also not allow students to be able to "private browse", turning off their history, among other things. You add websites by typing in the url addresses.

App Limiting

Very similar to the web limiting, you can create two lists.

1. Allowed Applications
 - a. I plan on using this when my students write papers, where the only source they are suppose to use is a book in their hands...I will only allow Microsoft Office, so they will not be able to even be tempted by Wikipedia.
2. Blocked Applications

You add applications by clicking add, and choosing it much like you would choose a program to open a file or a location to save a file to.

Drive Limiting

Here, you can choose to block the student's ability to use either/or their USB Drives or CDROM/DVD Drives.

I personally, really don't see a use for this.

Keystroke Alerts

Here you can make a list of words that you can be alerted when a student types them.

Since it is monitoring keystrokes and not just the completed product, it doesn't just alert you on that word, but anytime that word is created within another word.

I now get alerts any time my student's computers contain the word "assignment". Since then, I have limited my list to the worst of the worst.

Network

I have yet to see a reason to use this, and most things are shadowed out so you cannot alter them.

Once you have your preferences set up, you can interact with the students from the main page. I will go over the options across the top of this page.

Show

Here you can choose to, or how to, show your screen on the student machines. This would be very handy if you project notes/information...show it on their screens...this way, they cannot use their laptop for other purposes.

Show Student

Here you can again choose what to show the students, but this time if you click on a student's window you can choose to share their machine with the class.

Vote

Here you can create a question to send to the entire class for them to answer.

Testing

Here you can create a test (using TestBuilder) and have the students take this test.

Run

You can force the student machines to open/run an application of your choosing.

Control

If you click on a student machine, and then 'control', you can either choose to specifically view that student's machine or take complete control of it.

View All

You can alter the options for how you are able to view all of the student's screens at the same time.

Snapshot

You can choose a student machine and take a 'screenshot' of their screen for later use.

Message

Here you can choose to send a message to all of the students, or select students. You can alter the message and it saves your previous messages for later use.

Blank Screen

You can blank out the student's screen, and include your own personal message.

Limit Web

From here you can block all, only enforce your block list, or only enforce your allow list. These lists come from your preferences.

Limit Apps

From here you can choose to enforce your allow list or your block list that you altered under preferences.

Limit Print

From here you can either choose to block printing, or not block printing.

Limit Drives

From here you can either choose to limit the drives that you chose under preferences, or not block any of them.

Mute

You can mute the student machines.

Clear Desktop

Shuts down all running applications on the screen.

Finally, some of the things you can do under the "Administer" tab. You first have to select certain student machines...then you can: Shut them down, log them off, restart them, or even turn them back on.