

Christian County Public School District: Internet Safety Policy

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I. Purpose

The Christian County School District is committed to providing a secure and productive digital learning environment. These procedures have been established to maintain compliance with the Children's Internet and Protection Act (CIPA), USAC E-rate guidelines, and the Kentucky Revised Statutes (KRS 156.675 and 158.165) regarding the protection of minors from harmful online content and the regulation of social media in schools.

II. Technology Protection Measure - Content Filtering

Christian County School District utilizes an advanced technology protection measure to block or filter internet access to visual depictions that are obscene, child pornography, or harmful to minors.

- GoGuardian Implementation: Beginning in the 2025-26 school year, Christian County Schools transitioned to GoGuardian as its primary content filtering and classroom management system. This platform is provided by the Kentucky Education Technology System from the Kentucky Department of Education and provides real-time filtering and monitoring for District-issued staff and student devices.
- Compliance with KY Social Media Regulations (HB 208): In accordance with 2025 Kentucky legislation, the District utilizes GoGuardian to restrict access to social media platforms and sexually explicit material on district-managed devices.
 - Exception: Access to specific social media tools may only be granted if a teacher explicitly authorizes access to a specific instructional purpose.
- Tiered Filtering (Staff vs. Students): Access is managed through role-based profiles to ensure all users are filtered at the appropriate level:
 - Staff Filtering: Professional staff are provided access levels that support instructional research and administrative duties while maintaining security standards.
 - Student Filtering: All students are filtered at a base level to remain compliant. Teachers also have access to control what internet access students have in their classrooms by utilizing GoGuardian Teacher to create scenes and block access even further for students to limit distractions and abuse of the internet.

- Review Process: The District's Technology Department conducts yearly reviews of filtering categories and role-based access to ensure the system evolves with new web threats and remains compliant with state and federal regulations. Reviews are also conducted when requests are made from schools to block or allow content.

III. Traceable Communications

To ensure student safety and professional transparency, and in compliance with KRS 160.145, Christian County School District requires that all electronic communication between staff and students occur through Board-approved traceable communication systems. Staff are prohibited from using personal social media accounts or non traceable private messaging to communicate with students.

IV. Digital Citizenship & Literacy Education

Christian County School District integrates a comprehensive Digital Literacy curriculum into the classroom. As required by CIPA, all students receive instruction on:

- Cybersecurity: protecting personal information and maintaining data privacy.
- Cyberbullying: Identifying, preventing, and reporting online harassment and defamation.
- Social Media Responsibility: Understanding the risks of social media and the importance of a positive digital footprint, aligned with the Kentucky state standards for student digital safety.

V. Safety and Security

- Unauthorized access: Users are prohibited from attempting to bypass the content filter or engaging in hacking.
- Information Privacy: The unauthorized disclosure of personal information regarding minors is prohibited.
- Monitoring: Christian County School District reserves the right to monitor and log all internet activity on its network and district-owned devices to ensure the safety of students and the integrity of the technology infrastructure.

Public Notice:

This district technology department policy has been presented to the Board of Education in July 2026 at the regular board meeting where members of the public could comment at the meeting. Documentation of the meeting minutes and filtering audit logs are maintained by the District Technology Office for USAC/E-rate auditing purposes.