

Internet Safety

Richmond Public Schools (RPS) is committed to working with our families to create safe and loving learning environments for our students - whether that is in our school buildings or in virtual learning spaces.

As we begin the 2022-2023 school year, we want to reshare information and provide additional resources that will help keep our students safe while they are online:

1. **Internet Safety Resources** (www.rvaschools.net/internet-safety)
RPS has a dedicated internet safety webpage that includes videos and resources for both parents and students on topics such as cyberbullying, and online security. Please watch the videos and review these resources with your child.
2. **Gaggle** (www.gaggle.net)
RPS uses Gaggle, an online safety management tool, that reviews student Google files to protect our students and ensure their safety and well-being in digital learning spaces. Emails, attachments and files are reviewed for inappropriate images, words, and content and flagged through alerts that are sent to the school division. These alerts allow us to identify potential threats or inappropriate online conduct and intervene in order to provide support or connect families to additional resources. If an alert is received from your child's chromebook, an RPS staff member will contact the family to make them aware of the report and to discuss appropriate next steps.
3. **Speakup for Safety** (www.gaggle.net/safety-tipline)
RPS utilizes Gaggle's Speakup which is an anonymous tip line that encourages students to share safety concerns or threats of violence. It's monitored 24/7 by Gaggle's safety experts. Students can access Speakup by sending an email to speakup@rvaschools.net or by calling 804.644.5585.
4. **Richmond Public Schools' Acceptable Use Policy** (www.rvaschools.net/score)
This policy outlines our expectations of students for appropriate online behavior while they are using an RPS-issued device or hotspot. The policy is on pages 39 and 40 of our Student Code of Responsible Ethics (SCORE). Please review this with your child.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to keep our students safe and productive while they are online. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact helpdesk@rvaschools.net.