

Parent/guardian information to support keeping our students safer online



It is paramount that NCSD staff and our NCSD parents/guardians **work together** in partnership, to support the safety of our students when using digital resources both at school and home. Below you will find helpful information to assist you in creating safer digital learning environments and learn about some resources NCSD uses as well.

Topic/TIPS	Information
Educate yourself and your children. Discuss appropriate online behavior and set clear rules and expectations for your children's digital use. Communication with your child/ren. Establish open communication with your children and encourage them to come to you with any concerns or issues they encounter online. Create a safe and supportive environment where your children feel comfortable discussing their digital experiences. Encourage your children to use the internet responsibly and to be cautious about sharing personal information online. Teach your children to recognize and report any suspicious or threatening behavior.	Have clear conversations with your children about <i>your</i> expectations and responsibilities of use. 1. What to do if something questionable/inappropriate appears? ○ What to do? ■ Find a parent/guardian for guidance ■ Close the tab/window/document ■ Close your laptop's "lid" ○ What NOT to do? ■ Search for inappropriate content/words ■ Do NOT go to sites that your teachers DID not POST or share with you. ■ Do NOT respond to emails or chats that are not from your teacher ■ Do not forward or share to others 2. Expectations of Students ○ <u>Student and Parent/ Guardian Google Apps for Education Responsible Use Agreement</u> ■ Access to and use of Google Apps for Education is considered a privilege accorded at the discretion of the North Clackamas School District. Violation of these expectations could lead to disciplinary action and the termination of access and use of GAFE. In such cases, the alleged violation will be referred to the principal for further investigation and account restoration, suspension or termination. As a tenant of the Agreement with the State of Oregon, the state reserves the right to immediately suspend any user account in question of appropriate use. Pending review, a user account may be terminated as part of such action.

What can you do to help block inappropriate content? If you have personal devices at home, use parental controls. Most devices and online platforms have built-in parental controls that can restrict access to certain types of content or limit the amount of time children spend online. Take advantage of these tools and configure them to suit your family's needs.	1. Use your device's operating system controls: Many computers have privacy/security settings like blocking objectionable content, setting user hours, using only specific apps, not allowing downloads. - Investigate what your operating system offers. Apple's Family Support Page Microsoft's Support Site 2. YouTube Youtube Kids Parental Guide - Enabled the Restricted Mode. Video tutorial 3. Enable Safe Search Images - When SafeSearch is on, it helps filter out explicit content in Google's search results for all your queries across images, videos, and websites. https://www.google.com/preferences
Understanding the content filter NCSD uses.	When browsing websites via an <i>NCSD Chromebook</i>, all traffic will pass through our web filter, even when away from school. However, no web filter is 100% perfect, and it is entirely possible to find inappropriate content even with the filter in place if your child is given enough time unsupervised. Youtube.com is allowed through our filter, as it has a lot of great educational content. However, Youtube also contains content inappropriate for children. For this reason we enforce Youtube's Restricted Mode on the NCSD network. We are <u>not</u> able to automatically enable this when a student is not at school connecting through our network. However, we recommend that you turn on Restricted Mode at home. Enabling the Restricted Mode on YouTube - Click on the 'three dots' Settings icon at the top right corner. - Then select 'Restricted Mode' from the pop up menu, and select the slider button to enable it.
Understanding content filters Using a personal device (your computers/cell phones/tablets)	When using a personal device, NCSD cannot provide any filtering. Your child's access to the internet will be based on the settings of your home network and any filtering you may have in place. Contact your Internet service provider for more assistance.
Helpful Resources	Helpful information for appropriate behavior when using the Internet. Common Sense Media iKeepSafe

Communicating with your teachers	Teachers are always the best way to communicate information to you and your students. Reach out to them to understand the expectations they have set and communicated with your children.
Learn about GoGuardian for Parents	Our district offers a program called GoGuardian Parent, a mobile app that gives families information and control over their student's online activity when on a North Clackamas Chromebook. • The <i>GoGuardian Parent</i> app will give you an overview of your student's online activity and includes internet controls that you can set for out-of-school hours. Access will be given to parent/guardians via the email addresses in <i>ParentVue</i> as long as both the "Lives With" and "Ed Rights" boxes are checked. This document shows how to review and update relationship indicators in Online Registration in <i>ParentVue</i>. • This video has more information on the GoGuardian Parent App and directions on how to set up your account.