

Upcoming NetSmartz® Internet Safety Education Program for Students

The Bibb County School District is proud to share that, in collaboration with the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency's (ALEA) Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force and the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC), we will be bringing the NetSmartz® Internet Safety education program to our students. NetSmartz® teaches children ages 5-17 and trusted adults in their lives about safer online behaviors and responsible digital citizenship with engaging, age-appropriate presentations. Training Dates and Locations:

- November 5, 2024: Bibb County HS (Grades 9-12)

Key Takeaways for Students

During these presentations, students will learn skills to stay safer online. They will discuss how to respond if they receive inappropriate or sexual requests and understand why it's important to treat others with respect and kindness in digital spaces. The program also covers how to make safer choices about what information to share online, and what to do if they encounter someone or something online that makes them feel uncomfortable or unsafe. Additionally, students will know what to do and where to report if they see disturbing or inappropriate content.

How You Can Support Your Child

To reinforce these important lessons, consider discussing the topics above at home using NCMEC's free NetSmartz resources, including tip sheets, videos, and discussion guides. Being aware of the online safety training can help you provide support and address any questions they may bring up. Together, we can create a safer, more positive digital experience for every child.

Additional Information

For access to the full curriculum and more resources to support conversations at home, please visit [NCMEC.org/NetSmartz](https://www.ncmec.org/NetSmartz). To report suspected child sexual exploitation, visit [CyberTipline.org](https://www.cyberTipline.org) or call 1-800-THE-LOST (843-5678). If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Rhine at 205-926-9071.

About the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC)

The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children is a private, non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation whose mission is to help find missing children, reduce child sexual exploitation, and prevent child victimization. NCMEC works with families, victims, private industry, law enforcement, and the public to assist with preventing child abductions, recovering missing children, and providing services to deter and combat child sexual exploitation. Since 1998, NCMEC has operated the CyberTipline, a place where the public and electronic service providers can report suspected online and offline child sexual exploitation. The millions of reports made each year uniquely situate NCMEC to identify trends and create prevention resources to address the evolving needs of kids and teens online. To learn more about the CyberTipline, visit [NCMEC.org/CyberTiplineData](https://www.ncmec.org/CyberTiplineData)