



Nederland ISD Internet Safety Plan

Purpose

In accordance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), the Neighborhood Children's Internet Protection Act (NCIPA), and the Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act, Nederland ISD is committed to providing a safe, secure, and educational technology environment for students and staff.

This Internet Safety Plan establishes guidelines for:

- Safe and responsible use of district technology resources
- Protection of student data and privacy
- Prevention of access to harmful online content
- Education on digital citizenship and online safety
- Monitoring and safeguarding district networks and devices

The district recognizes that digital tools are essential to modern teaching and learning. This plan supports safe access to technology while promoting responsible digital behavior.

Scope

This plan applies to:

- All students
- All district employees
- Contractors and vendors using district systems
- Visitors accessing the district network

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It applies to all district technology resources including:

- District networks
- District-issued devices
- Cloud services and applications
- District email systems
- Internet access provided on campus or through district devices

Technology Protection Measures (Filtering)

Nederland ISD uses technology protection measures to block or filter access to internet content that is:

- Obscene
- Child pornography
- Harmful to minors
- Malicious or unsafe websites

Filtering systems operate on:

- Student devices
- District networks
- District wireless networks
- District-issued off-campus devices where applicable

Authorized technology staff may temporarily adjust filtering for legitimate instructional or research purposes for adults in accordance with federal law.

Network Monitoring and Security

All activity conducted on the Nederland ISD network or on district devices may be monitored.

Monitoring may include:

- Internet browsing activity
- Application usage
- Network traffic analysis
- Device management systems
- Classroom monitoring tools used by teachers

Monitoring is conducted to ensure student safety, enforce district policy, prevent unauthorized access, protect district infrastructure, and investigate security incidents.

Student Digital Citizenship Education

Nederland ISD provides ongoing instruction to students on responsible technology use and digital citizenship.

Topics include:

- Online safety and protecting personal information
- Appropriate online communication and behavior
- Social media awareness and digital reputation
- Cyberbullying awareness and reporting
- Responsible use of artificial intelligence tools

Student Data Privacy

Nederland ISD protects student information in compliance with FERPA, Texas student data privacy laws, and district data governance policies.

Staff members must:

- Avoid sharing personally identifiable student information without authorization
- Use only district-approved educational applications
- Follow district procedures for posting student images or information online

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Staff Responsibilities

All Nederland ISD employees are responsible for maintaining a safe technology environment.

Responsibilities include:

- Supervising student technology use
- Modeling appropriate digital behavior
- Reporting unsafe or suspicious activity
- Protecting student data
- Following district technology policies

Cybersecurity Awareness

Nederland ISD promotes cybersecurity awareness among staff and students.

Cybersecurity practices include:

- Training on phishing and cyber threats
- Secure password practices
- Multi-factor authentication where applicable
- Protection against malware and ransomware
- Reporting procedures for suspected security incidents

Reporting Safety Concerns

Students and staff should report unsafe online activity immediately.

Reports may include:

- Cyberbullying
- Inappropriate content
- Suspected hacking attempts

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- Phishing emails
- Misuse of district technology

Parent and Community Engagement

Nederland ISD encourages parents and guardians to support safe technology use at home.

The district will provide:

- Online safety resources for families
- Guidance on monitoring student internet use
- Information about district filtering and monitoring practices

Acceptable Use Agreements

Students and staff must acknowledge and follow district technology policies.

Requirements include:

- Annual Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) acknowledgment
- Understanding of district device expectations
- Agreement to responsible technology use

Failure to follow technology policies may result in disciplinary action.

Review and Updates

This Internet Safety Plan will be reviewed periodically to ensure compliance with federal and state law, emerging technology trends, and district technology practices.