



La Conner School District Digital Safety

La Conner Schools is fortunate to have one laptop or iPad for every student in the district. This ubiquitous access to technology allows our staff and students K-12 to easily access educational materials from school or home, and more easily collaborate with teachers and peers. It helps facilitate more personalized instruction by allowing teachers to tailor lessons to the needs and abilities of individual students. While technology improves engagement by allowing students to explore and create, it also helps prepare students for future careers by giving them hands-on experience with the technologies they'll be using in the workforce.



We use and value our technology and want all students to be tech-savvy. And, with great power also comes great responsibility for staff, students, and parents.

Keeping students safe while learning with technology

La Conner School District recognizes that students need opportunities to learn and practice using technology appropriately. We work to ensure that all students are given instruction in safe, effective use of the tools available. Similarly, we have implemented technology solutions that help ensure that student use of their school devices on campus are monitored, filtered, and compliant with state and federal laws.

District instruction

- Beginning of year focus on appropriate use of technology devices (5th, 6th and 9th)
- Parents and students sign Acceptable Use Policy (found in Student Handbook) and Laptop Use Agreement through *FinalForms*
- Middle School and Elementary - every student receives targeted in-person digital safety instruction
- Parent sessions on digital safety and cyberbullying
- Elementary library storytimes focusing on cybersecurity and cyberbullying
- One-on-one instruction as needed

District tech-driven solutions

- *Securly* web filtering blocks access to inappropriate sites and web searches
- Securly notifies district administrators when students attempt to access inappropriate or concerning sites
- K-5 students' technology for use in school only - always teacher and Securly monitored
- 6-12 students' district devices monitored by Securly and teachers at school, Securly at home
- Grade appropriateness determines level of access to sites, apps, and categories of content, social media, streaming, and games blocked for students in K-5; students in grades 6-8 gain streaming; students in 9-12 gain social media, streaming, and games. "Adult" sites, gambling, drugs, etc are blocked for all.
- By default, students are unable to install applications. When we find they've found a way, some applications are specifically blocked, such as *Grand Theft Auto*, and recently *Roblox*
- Our networks meet and exceed requirements for Childrens' Internet Protection Act (CIPA)
- La Conner School District provides Safe Schools Tip Line

More cybersecurity training and measures in the works

- Yearly Digital Citizenship online modules and available instruction earn higher levels of access
- Planned parent meetings on cybersecurity
- Investigating software that enables greater monitoring of student computer activities while at school



What students can do to stay safe

- Do not give out personal, identifying information (no last names, or addresses, or phone numbers, etc.)
- Do not share the school you attend or the town you live in.
- Do not talk online to people you do not know and trust in real life
- Tell an adult if strangers do try to talk to you.
- If you feel threatened or experience cyberbullying, you can
 - * Tell them to stop
 - * Take screenshots and report the behavior to a trusted adult and/or the Tip Line
 - * Block and defriend the other user
 - * Report the user to the app/game/platform

What you can do as a parent/family member

- Teach your student and model responsible and safe use of technology.
- Gain visibility into your student's school computer web usage using *Securly* - Ask Mr. Hiller for access.
- Turn on or purchase Parental Controls software on family owned phones, computers, and devices. Have open and honest conversations with your student about cyberbullying, privacy, and technology use.
- Ask your students what programs they are using, ask if it lets them communicate with strangers. Recognize if there has been a change in your student's mood around technology
- Report concerning behaviors or inappropriate use to our Safety Tip Line with enough details (and screenshots when possible) that we can follow up.

Reach out

For questions about or need safety assistance with your student's technology:

Ryan Hiller (360.466.3171 or techsupport@lc.k12.wa.us)

For questions about or concerns with student behaviors:

K-5 Maureen Brennan (360.466.3172 or mbrennan@lc.k12.wa.us)

6-12 Lori Buher (360.466.3173 or lbuher@lc.k12.wa.us)

For general questions or assistance:

Cherri Kahns (360.466.3171 or ckahns@lc.k12.wa.us)



La Conner School District Safety Tip Line

Report It 24/7

If you have information about a threat to safety, do your part and report it!
Remember, you can remain anonymous.

- Bullying
- Drugs
- Harassment
- Intimidation
- Racism
- Weapons
- Vandalism
- * Other

Our District Code is 1356

For Emergencies, Call 911

Be Kind - Be Brave

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Call to report your tip
360-244-4621

Visit the website
1356.alert1.us

Email your tip
1356@alert1.us

Text your tip to
360-244-4621

