

GoGuardian Parent/Guardian Information

To help ensure the safety and security of our students, CCSD has implemented a content filtering application called GoGuardian, which will block students from accessing dangerous or inappropriate websites when they are logged into a Chromebook or Chrome browser on Windows or Mac OS computers.

The GoGuardian filter is deployed to the students' nv.ccsd.net user accounts. It will be applied whenever a student logs in to Chrome OS or the Chrome browser with his or her nv.ccsd.net account, regardless of whether the device was issued by CCSD. GoGuardian will NOT filter content or impact the browsing experience of NON CCSD accounts (private Gmail accounts, etc.).

Through the use of this tool, we hope to:

- Encourage safer practices and responsible browsing habits
- Help protect students against harmful and inappropriate online material
- Help students stay “scholarly” and more focused when learning online
- Help assess students’ progress towards class assignments
- Facilitate communication between teachers and students during class time

In addition, GoGuardian Beacon 24/7 provides alerts to District staff 24-hours a day, monitoring online activity that is considered a life-safety issue or threat such as actively planning a suicide or self-harm. If a student is searching content deemed a life-safety concern, District staff will receive a Beacon alert. District staff will then follow-up with the parent/guardian to ensure the student’s safety and to provide applicable resources. In some instances, school police may be contacted to provide a welfare check on the student.

Though GoGuardian may provide protection against inappropriate content for students and monitor for life-safety issues, no filtering or monitoring system is perfect. The District cannot and does not represent that inappropriate or objectionable material can be completely filtered or that all life-safety issues will be detected.

Parents/guardians are responsible for supervising internet access and usage. We encourage you to discuss rules for appropriate Internet usage with your child, and reinforce lessons of digital citizenship and safety with your child. We also highly encourage you to report any potential cyberbullying or other sensitive issues to the District.

IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW:

- GoGuardian will monitor all web activity when logged in to a Chrome browser on a personal device or a District issued Chromebook, with the student’s CCSD Gmail account. All inappropriate activity is monitored and reported to the school.
 - If another person in the household accesses the browser while the student is still logged in, GoGuardian will continue to log any web activity and report attempted access to inappropriate content to the school.
- When the student is logged in to Chrome on a personal device or a District issued Chromebook, their teacher has the ability to monitor the student’s screen and communicate directly with the student through the GoGuardian tool.

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- If another person in the household utilizes the device while the student is still logged in with the CCSD Gmail account, these features will still be activated.
- There will be two (2) GoGuardian shield logos that appear as an icon near the top of the Chrome browser to the right of the URL bar (where you see the web address in Chrome). The logo is there to remind students that they are logged into their school account, subject to the Acceptable Use Policy. In some cases you will need to check `chrome://extensions` to verify these extensions have been installed.
- Please make sure the student is completely signed out of the Chrome browser and/or the Chromebook if the device is used by other members of the household.