

GET SCHOOLED ON CYBERSECURITY:

ONLINE LEARNING SECURITY TIPS FOR STUDENTS & PARENTS

TIPS FOR PARENTS

NEW TECH, WHO DIS?



If the school issues or requires a technology that you and/or your child are not familiar with, explore its features together. Configure the security and privacy settings together immediately.

APPLY YOUR RESEARCH



Apps are a great way for students to learn and apply their knowledge. Before downloading any new learning app on your child's device, make sure it's a legitimate app. Who created the app? What do the user reviews say? Are there any articles published online about the app's privacy & security features (or lack thereof)?

DON'T HESITATE TO UPDATE



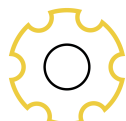
Having the latest security software, web browser, and operating system on devices children are using for their virtual schooling is one of the best defenses against online threats. When the computer or device says it's time to update the software don't click postpone. Update.

USE STRONG PASSWORDS



When is the last time you changed your home's router password, if ever? Change passwords for routers and smart devices from their default manufacturer's password to one that is long (at least 12 characters) and unique.

PARENTAL CONTROLS



Parental controls are a great way to establish parameters around what kids can and can't do online. They do not replace candid discussions with your kids about online security and safety. Children may not recognize the dangers of visiting unknown websites or communicating with strangers online, so talk with them about these threats.

NETWORK SEPARATELY



Students aren't the only ones spending more time on the home network. Parents are also working from home at an unprecedented scale. If you and your children are all working from home, consider using separate networks to enhance your security--particularly if your work involves access to sensitive information.