

# What Parents Should Know About GoGuardian

## GoGuardian protects your Students

GoGuardian is a software designed specifically to help educators ensure students' safety when using the Chromebooks. We created GoGuardian to help schools and districts comply with United States federal laws such as the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) by providing comprehensive filtering and analytics of student Chromebook usage.

GoGuardian provides schools with a wide variety of options to ensure students are using Chromebooks properly.



## How we protect your students



### A Better Blacklist

Using GoGuardian's CIPA compliant categories, schools and districts have the ability to blacklist (block) entire sections of the internet (e.g., pornography, weapons, drugs, etc.), as well as add individual websites they wish to restrict. Administrators can create specific usage policies for different groups of students, ensuring that each student only has access to what is deemed appropriate for their age.



### Search Safely

GoGuardian allows educators to enable SafeSearch, which prevents students from searching for obscene terms on all major search engines including, Google, Yahoo, and Bing.



### Apps & Extensions

GoGuardian allows educators to see which apps and extensions (e.g., Angry Birds) are being used on school-owned Chromebooks and allows educators to blacklist and disable specific apps and extensions according to the school's preferred policies and educational directives keeping your children focused on their studies.



## Activity Flagging

GoGuardian's engine uses state-of-the-art algorithms to alert educators when students are trying to access inappropriate websites that have yet-to-be blacklisted. GoGuardian will read the page that the student is on for inappropriate terms. If there are inappropriate terms an administrator will be notified and able to blacklist the page if deemed inappropriate.



## Red Flag Alerts

Red Flag Alerts are similar to Flagged Activity alerts but only pertain to phrases that are much more serious in nature and potentially harmful to students well being. Red Flag Alerts notify educators if students are using Chromebooks to write very specific phrases which are threatening, and/or harmful phrases that may connote acts of violence upon oneself or others, engagement in the purchasing of narcotics and/or weapons, cyber-bullying, and/or other disparaging acts. This feature enables educators to open a dialogue with the parents and students first, as dictated by district policy.



## Anti-Theft

If a Chromebook is stolen your school has the ability to put the stolen device into Anti-Theft Mode. This involves a manual process to move the device into a specific OU for Stolen Devices. Once done, the Anti-Theft Mode will disable the normal Chrome browser and user logins, and will give the admin geolocation information, pictures from the webcam, keys typed on the device, and per-page screenshots. Please note any of these features can be disabled and do not persist on the Chromebooks unless the device is in anti-theft mode.

# Are my students kept safe only on campus?

With GoGuardian, schools have the option to protect and filter students both on and off campus. Depending on the settings determined by your school's administrative policy, your students can be protected by the GoGuardian software anytime they sign into the google Chrome browser using their school given email address. Alternatively, your administrators can set GoGuardian to only protect and filter on school owned devices.

Privacy is important to GoGuardian, which is why we never divulge any data to unauthorized parties.