

Cybersecurity Awareness Kids Safe Online



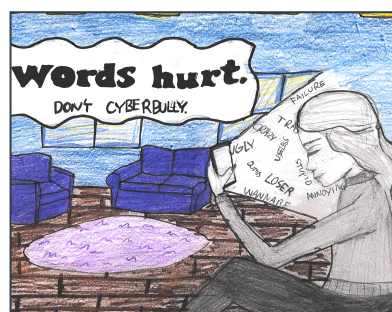
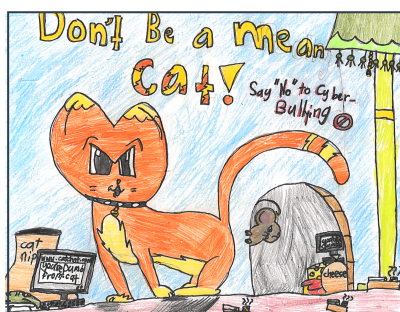
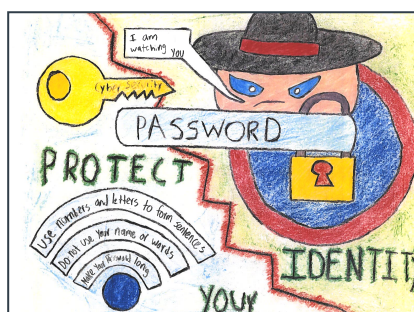
The Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services (ITS)

annually promotes the Cybersecurity Awareness “Kids Safe Online” Poster Contest to encourage young people to use the Internet safely and securely and to craft messages and images that will best resonate with their peers across the state. All public and private schools, and youth organizations in Kindergarten through 12th grade in Mississippi are eligible to participate in the contest. The poster contest will be launched in October as part of the National Cyber Security Awareness Month.

The Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services will judge all entries and will select up to three winning posters per grade group (K-5, 6-8, 9-12). Any entry that infringes upon copyright will not be judged.

The winning posters from the Mississippi contest will be entered in a national contest sponsored by the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC) division of CIS. National contests will include Kindergarten through 12th grade students in the 50 United States, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. Territories. The winning posters selected in the national contest will be displayed in a national cyber security calendar which will be used in campaigns to raise awareness among children of all ages about Internet and cyber security.

Refer to the ITS website for information on recent contest winners:
<https://www.its.ms.gov/Services/Pages/Cyber-Competitions.aspx>.



Submitting Entries - Official Rules

Kids Safe Online Poster Contest



Entry Form

Submit the Poster Entry Form and artwork to the address below. Limited to one entry per student.



Due Date

The posters with the entry form, must be submitted by December 11, 2020. (Limited to one entry per student).



Entries and forms should be mailed to:

Mississippi Department of
Information Technology Services
Attn: Jay White
3771 Eastwood Drive
Jackson, MS 39211

Or



Electronic entries should be emailed to:
Information.Security@its.ms.gov



Notice:

All entries submitted become the property of the MS Department of ITS and the Center for Internet Security, Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center and may be used in future publications. Poster will not be returned.



Judging

- Clear message conveyed by the text and artwork
- The poster theme listed is addressed
- Creativity, originality, and artistic quality
- Visual clarity - easily read
- Bright and colorful
- Must comply with poster requirements – must be in landscape layout and must not use any copyrighted characters, images, or clipart

Winners

The MS Department of ITS will choose up to three winners for each grade group (K-5, 6-8, 9-12). Winners' artwork will then be submitted to the MS-ISAC for national contest judging.

The winning posters for the national contest will be displayed in a national cyber security calendar to be used in campaigns to raise awareness among children of all ages throughout the country about Internet and computer safety.



Questions



Contact Jay White:
jay.white@its.ms.gov
or
call 601-432-8000

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Getting Started

Public, Private, and home schooled students in Grades K-12 are invited to participate for a chance to have their artwork displayed on the 2022 MS-ISAC Posters and Calendar! Entries should feature original artwork illustrating the safe use of the Internet and/or mobile devices.

Suggested Topics

Grades K-8

- How should you treat others online?
- What information is safe to put on social media and what should you keep private?
- How should you handle unwanted attention or strangers online?
- How can you select a strong password and keep it secure?
- How can you handle cyberbullying?

Grades 9-12

- How can you preserve your online reputation or "digital footprint" on both social media and elsewhere on the Internet?
- How should you handle unwanted attention or strangers online?
- How can you select a strong password and keep it secure?
- Why is it important to keep your devices and software up to date?
- When is it safe to text and what information is safe to text?

Format

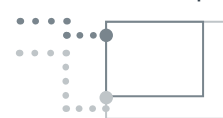
- Original hand-drawn or electronically created submissions will be accepted.
- Text should be dark and large enough to read.
- Submissions may be in the format of either a full-page drawing or a 4-panel comic.



Layout & Dimensions

Only landscape layout submissions will be accepted! Calendars are in landscape format.

- Minimum: 11" x 8.5"
- Maximum: 14" x 11"



Content

- **Do Not** send any artwork that contains trademarked images or brands such as Disney Characters, Dell, Google, Twitter, etc. For additional information on copyright visit: <http://www.copyrightkids.org/>.
- **Do Not** put any identifying information (such as student's full name or age) on the front of the poster.
- Adults may offer minimum technical support but cannot aid in the creative process. No professional (paid) assistance is allowed.
- Inappropriate or offensive language and images will cause a submission to be automatically disqualified.

Please Note:

- Students may use a variety of media, such as watercolor, pen and ink, crayon, chalk, or markers.
- Brighter colors reproduce better for the calendar. Light pencil marks will not show up.
- Keep in mind most posters will likely be on public display, and should be easy to see or read.



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It is requested that a Teacher or School Contact Person verifies that this form is completely and accurately filled out.

Please attach this form to the corresponding poster. Both the Poster Artwork and the Poster Entry Form should be mailed or electronically submitted to:



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All Fields Are Required.

☐ Please indicate if the student's name and/or school's name can be published in print or on a public website by checking the box.

Student's FIRST Name:

(Please **DO NOT**
include student's **last name**)

Grade:

Title of Poster:

School Contact Name:

Email:

Phone Number:

School Name:

School Address:

School City:

State:

Zip:

**Total Number of
Poster Entries
Judged at School:**



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