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Cypress-Fairbanks I.S.D. Cybersecurity Updates!

WHY IS TLE IMPORTANT?

Data shows that a large majority of parents are concerned about the privacy and security of their students and student data. Earning the TLE Seal indicates that a school system has taken measurable steps to implement strong practices to ensure the privacy of student data.



Student Data Privacy and the Trusted Learning Environment



CFISD is Committed to Data Protection!

Cypress-Fairbanks ISD is making huge efforts to protect the data of our students, their families, and employees! We now have on staff a full time Cybersecurity specialist who is working to ensure our TLE compliance. He is also reviewing our policies and procedures and hardening the systems in place in order to provide better protection of our data.

The Trusted Learning Environment (TLE) Seal Program is an initiative of CoSN (the Consortium for School Networking), in partnership with AASA, the School Superintendents Association, the Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO), and ASCD, and was developed in collaboration with a diverse group of 28 school system leaders from across the country.

The program requires schools to have implemented student data privacy protections that meet a set of high standards around 5 core practice areas. Schools that demonstrate that they have met the Program requirements will be able to display the TLE Seal, signifying their commitment to student data privacy. Different than existing voluntary privacy programs, the TLE Seal is the only data privacy seal for school systems, focused on building a culture of trust and transparency.

The Trusted Learning Environment areas of practice include the following:

Leadership Practice: manage and collaborate with stakeholders regarding the use and governance of student data to inform instruction

Classroom Practice: implement educational procedures and processes to ensure transparency while advancing curricular goals

Data Security Practice: perform regular audits of data privacy and security practices and publicly detail these measures

Business Practice: establish acquisition vetting processes and contracts that, at minimum, address applicable compliance laws while supporting innovation

Professional Development Practice: requires school staff to conduct privacy and security training and offer the instruction to all stakeholders





Technology Tips to Help Keep Your Data Safe

- Lock down your login: Fortify your online accounts by enabling the strongest authentication tools available, such as biometrics, security keys or a unique one-time code through an app on your mobile device. Your usernames and passwords are not enough to protect key accounts like email, banking and social media.
- Make your password a sentence: A strong password is a passphrase that is at least 12 characters long. Focus on positive sentences or phrases that you like to think about and are easy to remember (for example, “I love country music.”). On many sites, you can even use spaces!
- Unique account, unique password: Having separate passwords for every account helps to thwart cybercriminals. At a minimum, separate your work and personal accounts and make sure that your critical accounts have the strongest passwords.

MORE HELPFUL RESOURCES

www.cfid-technologyservices.net/ccss.html

www.Trustedlearning.org

<https://Studentprivacy.ed.gov>

www.ferpasherpa.org

www.Commonsense.org

www.Stopthinkconnect.org

www.lockdownyourlogin.org

