

Cell Phone and Internet Safety Clearinghouse

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LA State Statute: [R.S. 17:280](#)

A. The governing authority of each public elementary and secondary school shall provide age and grade appropriate classroom instruction regarding Internet and cell phone safety.

Bulletin 741: §2305. Ancillary Areas of Instruction

- H. Each LEA shall provide age- and grade-appropriate classroom instruction regarding internet and cell phone safety.
1. The LDE will identify and list appropriate resources on the LDE website.
 2. The instruction shall be integrated into an existing course and shall include but not be limited to the following topics:
 - a. the safe and responsible use of social networking websites, chat rooms, electronic mail, bulletin boards, instant messaging, and other means of electronic communication;
 - b. risks of transmitting personal information;
 - c. recognizing, avoiding, and reporting solicitations by sexual predators;
 - d. recognizing and reporting illegal activities and communications;
 - e. recognizing and reporting harassment and cyberbullying;
 - f. recognizing and avoiding unsolicited or deceptive communications; and
 - g. copyright laws on written materials, photographs, music, and video.

Resource Title	Description
U.S. Department of Justice Cell Phone Safety Guide	The U.S. Department of Justice offers a cell phone safety guide for educators in grades 6-8. The purpose of the guide is to prevent cyberbullying, promote appropriate cell phone use, and to help students observe courteous and safe cell phone behavior.
NetSmartz	NetSmartz Workshop is an interactive, educational program of the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children® (NCMEC) that provides age-appropriate resources to help teach children how to be safer on- and offline. The program is designed for children ages 5-17, parents and guardians, educators, and law enforcement. With resources such as videos, games, activity cards, and presentations, NetSmartz entertains while it educates.
Internet Safety 101	The goal of this organization is to educate, empower, and equip you with the basic safety rules and software tools (<i>Rules 'N Tools</i> ®) you need to know to protect children online.
National Children's Advocacy Center	NCAC provides resources for kids on internet safety and safe cell phone usage.
iKeepSafe Digital Citizenship	The iKeepSafe Digital Citizenship matrix assists educators in integrating the essentials of cyber-security, cyber-safety, and cyber-ethics into existing

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	technology and literacy standards.
National Crime Prevention Council	The National Crime Prevention Council has a teacher's guide, family-take home pamphlet, student mini-magazine, and poster on cell phone safety. The resources promote cell phone and internet safety, promotes appropriate use of technology, and encourages family agreement about cell phone use.
I-safe	I-safe is a non-profit foundation whose goal is to educate students on how to avoid dangerous, inappropriate, or unlawful online behavior. This site has curricular materials that cover personal safety, cyber predator identification, cyber community issues, and intellectual property.
Utah Education Network	Utah Education Network has posted a lesson plan for 7-8 grade students to review the positives and negatives of cell phones and cell phone usage safety tips. Students then explore a scenario in which a friendly relationship turns to a bullying one involving cell phones and computers.