

Louisiana takes student privacy and security seriously. Please consider the following when moving to distance learning.

Teacher - Student Electronic Communications

[La. R.S. 17:81](#) requires each school system have a policy that addresses electronic communications between students and staff.

School systems should

1. review this existing policy,
2. adjust if needed, and
3. communicate the policy to staff.

School Devices

When issuing school devices to students, it is important to review the [Children's Internet Protection Act \(CIPA\)](#) requirements. Any school that receives E-rate discounts is required to have technology protection measures that filter and monitor for inappropriate online content. Therefore, devices distributed to students must have filtering technology. Some school systems **only** have the ability to filter and monitor while devices are on campus; therefore, Louisiana has requested leniency with CIPA requirements so that parents, if they choose to, could take the responsibility for this monitoring.

Online Resources or Tools

Privacy and security are important when using any online resource. Consider the following.

1. Will the online tool collect information about the student? If so, ask parents to review the information and determine what they are comfortable with providing.
2. When using video conferencing tools, consider using the invitation option or the password option to ensure only those invited will have access.
3. When in doubt, seek parental consent ([Example](#)).

For additional information regarding online learning, please see the Privacy Technical Assistance Center's [guidance](#).