



Dear Parent or Guardian:

Northwood Academy Charter School is using Chromebooks this school year. To help keep your child safer and more scholarly online, we have adopted online services provided by GoGuardian.

It may be helpful to know that over 10,000 other schools use GoGuardian to protect 5.5 million students across the world, and the [Global Educator Institute](#) has endorsed the GoGuardian Teacher product.

How are we using GoGuardian?

We have chosen GoGuardian Admin and GoGuardian Teacher services to:

- Help in protecting students against harmful and inappropriate online material
- Help students stay “scholarly” and more focused when learning online
- Help in assessing students’ progress towards class assignments
- Facilitate communication between teachers and students during class time

When and how does GoGuardian operate?

GoGuardian’s web-based services operate on our school’s managed Google Suite for Education Chrome accounts (i.e., when a student is logged into Chrome or a Chromebook with his/her school email address).

What are the school’s responsibilities?

Northwood Academy Charter School selected GoGuardian services to help our students stay safer and more scholarly online. We will work with students during class time to help teach them digital responsibility and safety. Additionally, we will train teachers about how to operate GoGuardian and about our policies and procedures to help protect student privacy.

What are my parental/guardian and child’s responsibilities?

We ask that students use their school-managed Google accounts and school-managed devices for educational purposes within the boundaries of Northwood Academy Charter Schools Acceptable Use Policy Agreement.

When a student is off campus, parents are responsible for supervising internet access and usage. We encourage you to discuss rules for appropriate internet usage with your child, and reinforce lessons of digital citizenship and safety with him or her. We also highly encourage you to report any potential cyberbullying or other sensitive issues to us.

How does GoGuardian help protect my child's privacy?

To help your child remain scholarly and safe online, GoGuardian collects certain personally identifiable information about your child. GoGuardian has consulted with privacy experts, participates in privacy organizations, is a proud signatory of the [Student Privacy Pledge](#), and has been awarded certifications by [iKeepSafe](#) for complying with both Family Education Rights and Privacy Act and California student privacy laws. For more detailed information about GoGuardian, you may visit GoGuardian's [website](#), [Trust & Privacy Center](#), GoGuardian's [Product Privacy Policy](#).

We are here to answer any questions that you may have.

Sincerely,

Mr. Leimer

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