

Dear Liberty CUSD #2 Parents/Guardians,

Keeping our students safe online is one of the administration's highest priorities. Our Lightspeed content filtering service limits access to inappropriate websites and services on school-owned devices, but does not prevent students from creating or sharing such content.

To address this issue, we also partner with Bark to monitor all of our school-issued student accounts. When a potentially harmful or serious message is sent online, created or saved, Bark sends an alert so we know who's involved and what's happening, so we can quickly intervene.

Bark Family Alerts Dashboard

Parents can now also receive alerts when Bark discovers potentially harmful messages and/or content on their child's school-issued accounts, including issues found in:

- Emails and Chats
- Documents
- Files

The importance of critical alerts

A lot can happen when kids are literally left to their own devices. We believe that both schools and parents could benefit from sharing the responsibility of receiving critical updates about their children, especially when serious incidents occur, such as:

- Suicidal ideation
- Acts of violence
- Threatening instances of cyberbullying
- Sexual predation

What parents can do

Receiving these alerts from Bark will help you gain insight into what your child is actually thinking and saying online. Review of the activity logged by Lightspeed on school-issued Chromebooks is also available to parents and guardians. Use these tools as needed to start conversations with your child to stress the importance of open, honest communications and the proper, educational use of the device and online account provided to them.

If you would like to receive alerts from Bark regarding online content, or access to the Lightspeed reports on device usage, please complete this form:

<https://tinyurl.com/CUSD2OnlineSafety>

Thanking you for your interest and support in helping keep our students safe online,

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Jody Obert, GS Principal
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