



2021 MS-ISAC "Kids Safe Online" poster contest

Attention educators and parents:

Students in grades K-12 are invited to participate in the Commonwealth of Virginia's *Kids Safe Online* poster contest. The poster contest is sponsored by the Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA) in conjunction with the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC). This national contest encourages students to use the internet safely and securely.

Please share this information with the individuals in your school district that would be interested in this contest. Educating our children about the rules of internet safety will encourage them to make better decisions when posting pictures, videos and personal information online.

The top five winning posters from Virginia for each grade group (K-5, 6-8 and 9-12) will be submitted to the national Multi-State Cyber Security Awareness poster contest. MS-ISAC will select 13 winners to have their artwork displayed in the 2022 National Stay Safe Online Calendar. The calendar will be distributed throughout the country and used in campaigns to raise awareness among children of all ages about internet and computer safety. Additionally, the top four submissions will be made into posters promoting cybersecurity practices. Any winning Virginia posters will be featured on our website.

Attached are the official rules, entry form and information regarding the poster topics and technical specifications. The materials are also available on our website:

<https://www.vita.virginia.gov/media/vitavirginiagov/commonwealth-security/pdf/poster-contest/2020/MS-ISAC-Poster-Contest-and-Form-2021.pdf>

The deadline for poster entry forms and posters is **midnight Jan. 8, 2021**. Late entries will not be accepted. Winners will be notified by email. If you have questions or need assistance, please email CommonwealthSecurity@vita.virginia.gov

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Commonwealth of Virginia

Kids Safe Online Poster Contest



Getting started

Public, private and home-schooled students in grades K-12 are invited to participate for a chance to have their artwork displayed on the 2021 MS-ISAC posters and calendar! Entries should feature original artwork illustrating the safe use of the internet and/or mobile devices.

Suggested topics

Grades K-8

- How should you treat others online?
- What information is safe to put on social media and what should you keep private?
- How should you handle unwanted attention or strangers online?
- How can you select a strong password and keep it secure?
- How can you handle cyberbullying?

Grades 9-12

- How can you preserve your online reputation or "digital footprint" on both social media and elsewhere on the internet?
- How should you handle unwanted attention or strangers online?
- How can you select a strong password and keep it secure?
- Why is it important to keep your devices and software up to date?
- When is it safe to text and what information is safe to text?

Format

- Original hand-drawn or electronically created submissions will be accepted.
- Text should be dark and large enough to read.
- Submissions may be in the format of either a full-page drawing or a four-panel comic.



Layout and dimensions

Only landscape layout submissions will be accepted! Calendars are in landscape format.

- Minimum: 11"x 8.5"
- Maximum: 14"x 11"



Content

- **Do not** send any artwork that contains trademarked images or brands such as Disney Characters, Dell, Google, Twitter, etc.
- For additional information on copyright visit: <http://www.copyrightkids.org/>
- **Do not** put any identifying information (such as student's full name or age) on the front of the poster.
- Adults may offer minimum technical support but cannot aid in the creative process.
- No professional (paid) assistance is allowed.
- Inappropriate or offensive language and images will cause a submission to be automatically disqualified.

Please note:

- Students may use a variety of media, such as watercolor, pen and ink, crayon, chalk, or markers.
- Brighter colors reproduce better for the calendar. Light pencil marks will not show up.
- Keep in mind most posters will likely be on public display and should be easy to see or read.



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Commonwealth of Virginia

Kids Safe Online Poster Contest Submitting Entries

If your state is holding a contest:
 Submit all posters to your state contest at commonwealthsecurity@vita.virginia.gov
 The state will then submit the winning entries to the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center.

If your state is not holding a contest:
 Each participating school/youth group is permitted to submit up to fifteen (15) posters (five entries per grade group). How your school/youth group decides on the fifteen (15) posters is up to you! Some schools/youth groups may wish to have a contest and choose the entries; others may just have the art teacher, principal or group leader choose.



Entry form
 Each poster must be accompanied by a completed entry form, which is attached.



Due date
 The posters with the entry form, must be submitted by Jan. 8, 2021 (limit one entry per student).



Entries and forms should be mailed to:
Virginia IT Agency (VITA)
 Kids Safe Online Contest
 Attn: Commonwealth Security
 11751 Meadowville Lane
 Chester, VA 23836



commonwealthsecurity@vita.virginia.gov



Notice:
 All entries submitted become the property of the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center and may be used in future publications. Poster entries will not be returned.



National Winners

Winners from each grade group (K-5, 6-8, 9-12) will be selected.

A total of 13 winners will have their artwork displayed in our calendar, which will be distributed throughout the country and used in campaigns to raise awareness among children of all ages about internet and computer safety. The top four submissions will also be made into posters promoting cybersecurity practices.

The MS-ISAC will notify the school contact person named on the poster entry form or the state contact if their student is a winner!



Questions



Contact Commonwealth Security at:



commonwealthsecurity@vita.virginia.gov

Commonwealth of Virginia

Kids Safe Online Poster Contest Entry Form



It is requested that a teacher or school contact person verifies that this form is completely and accurately filled out. Please attach this form to the corresponding poster. Both the poster artwork and the poster entry form should be mailed or electronically submitted to:



Virginia IT Agency (VITA)
Kids Safe Online Poster Contest
Attn: Commonwealth Security
11751 Meadowville Lane
Chester, VA 23836
commonwealthsecurity@vita.virginia.gov

(All fields are required)

Student's FIRST name: (Please DO NOT include student's last name)		
Grade:		
Title of poster:		
School contact name:		
+ →	Email:	Phone number:
School name:		
School address:		
School city:	State:	Zip:
Total number of poster entries judged at school: _____		



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