

**Subject:** GoGuardian Teacher in our classrooms

## **Greetings Northwest Guilford Middle School Families,**

We are so excited to get the school year off to a great start! I want to let you know that as we begin the school year/semester, our teachers will be using a technology tool called GoGuardian Teacher in our classroom.

GoGuardian Teacher allows me to better support students when they are using Chromebooks during class time. Here's a quick overview of how it works:

- **GoGuardian Teacher is only active during the course of the school day from 7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.** This time frame accommodates the schedule of all Guilford County Schools.
- **GoGuardian Teacher helps students be successful and stay focused when using technology in class:**
  - Teachers can see student Chrome browser tabs and the schoolwork they're doing in order to easily identify students who may need more guidance or support.
  - Teachers can support student learning by sending support resources, blocking sites, closing tabs, or locking students to a specific website in their browser.
  - Teachers can use chat to help students complete an assignment, remind them of key concepts, or discreetly redirect students' attention to the assigned task.
- **GoGuardian Teacher helps assess and support student progress on class assignments:**
  - GoGuardian helps teachers know when students may be stuck so they can quickly address any questions and help students stay on task.
- **GoGuardian Teacher facilitates communication between teachers and students during class time:**
  - Teachers can chat directly with individual students without disturbing the rest of the class - potentially increasing participation and engagement while minimizing distraction.
  - Teachers can quickly and easily share links and information with students, helping everyone make the most of their class time together.
- **A teacher is not able to take control of students' cameras or access information or files stored on the computer.**
- **A teacher is not able to connect, as described above, to students' devices outside of the hours listed in the first bullet.**

GoGuardian also has a web filtering service. This feature, as well as GoGuardian Teacher, is automatically enabled any time a student logs into their GCS Google account on a personal device or a district-issued Chromebook. This service filters students' internet browsing, YouTube searches, and Google documents similar to what students might expect to experience when logging into a computer at school. **If you do not want this feature enabled on a personal device, please instruct your child to only log into their school Google Account on their school-issued Chromebook.**

## **GoGuardian Parent App: Giving Parents Filtering Controls at Home**

GCS has granted parents access to GoGuardian Parent, a mobile app designed to provide parents/guardians control over their student's online activity on school-managed devices and accounts while at home. The GoGuardian Parent app provides you with an additional set of internet controls that you can set for out-of-school hours.

### **What is included in the GoGuardian Parent app:**

- Ability to block websites on school-issued devices during out-of-school hours
- Ability to pause internet access on school-issued devices during out-of-school hours, either on-demand or at a scheduled time

To access the app, please follow the below instructions:

1. Download the app
  1. [Download via Apple Store](#)
  2. [Download via Google Play Store](#)
2. After the app is successfully downloaded and installed, open it up and enter the parent email address registered in PowerSchool.  
*Note: If you forgot your registered email address or haven't supplied one, please reach out to your school's data manager to get that information updated.*
3. Login/Check Email: Check your email on your phone for a link to log in to the app. Tap the "Verify your email", and it will take you straight to the app.  
*Note: If you don't have access to your email through the device you used to log in, tap on "Login with verification code", and copy and paste the verification code from the email into the app.*

We look forward to learning with you and your child this year!

Thank you.

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