

Attention Educators and Parents:

Students in grades kindergarten through 12 are invited to participate in the **State of Ohio's Kids Safe Online poster contest**. The contest, sponsored by the Office of Information Security & Privacy of the Ohio Department of Administrative Services, is part of a national contest held in collaboration with the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center to promote safe and secure Internet usage among young people.

Spreading the message about safe online behavior has never been more important. The majority of our youth are online, and the risks for cyber bullying, identity theft and other serious incidents among children is increasing.

Ohio will submit the top five posters from each grade group (K-5, 6-8, 9-12) to the national Multi-State Cyber Security Awareness Calendar Contest. National winners will be selected from each grade group (K-5, 6-8, 9-12). The national winners in each grade group will receive a framed "Certificate of Accomplishment" from the Center for Internet Security (CIS) President and CEO. In addition, each winning student will receive the honor of having their artwork replicated into a poster calendar which will be distributed throughout the Country and may also be used in campaigns to raise awareness among children of all ages about Internet and computer safety. The school contact person named on the Poster Entry Form will be notified by the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center.

Attached are the **official rules, poster submission forms** and information regarding poster topics and technical specifications. More information is available at: www.InfoSec.OHIO.gov

- A "**Multiple Poster Submission Form**" is available to aid in submitting and tracking posters. The completed form is to be e-mailed to OISP-Events@OIT.Ohio.Gov and mailed with hardcopy posters. (If you have electronic files or can scan your posters you can also submit them electronically.)
- Otherwise use the "**Single Entry Form**".

The deadline for poster art and entry forms is **Midnight, Monday Dec 19**. Late entries will not be included in the contest.

Good Luck!

If you have any questions or need assistance with the materials, please contact me at 614.644-6202 or Diane.Mays@DAS.Ohio.Gov.

Regards,

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