

# Cybersecurity Awareness

## K-12 DRAWING CONTEST

The Cybersecurity Awareness Month Poster Contest is a great way to engage students in important topics about online safety.

### Eligibility

- South Dakota public, private, and home-schooled students in grades K-12.

### Contest Age Groups

- Contest will be broken down into three groups K-5, 6-8, 9-12.
- Participating schools will select 2 from each group.

### Suggested Topics

#### Topics for 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?

#### Topics for 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

- Submissions: Original hand-drawn or electronically created.
- Hand-drawn submissions: Must be scanned.
- Text: Should be dark and large enough to read.
- Format: Either a full-page drawing or a 4-panel comic.

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### Content Guidelines

- No Trademarked Images: Avoid using trademarked images or brands (e.g., Disney, Dell, Google, Twitter).
- No Identifying Information: Do not include the student's full name or age on the front of the poster.
- Minimal Adult Support: Adults can offer technical support but should not aid in the creative process.
- No Professional Assistance: Professional (paid) help is not allowed.
- Appropriate Content: Inappropriate or offensive language and images will result in disqualification.

### Media and Presentation

- Accepted Media: Watercolor, pen and ink, crayon, chalk, or markers.
- Brightness: Brighter colors reproduce better when printed.
- Visibility: Light pencil marks won't show up well, and posters should be easy to see and read.

### Submission Requirements

- Identifiable Information: Include the child's first name, age group, and district; home schoolers should list their city, instead of the district.
- Submission Deadline: All submissions must be made and submitted by May 1st.
- School Selection: Each school chooses their top 2 from each age group to submit.
- BIT/DOE personnel will select six posters from each group
- Final Selection: Six posters from each age group (K-5, 6-8, 9-12) will be presented to the Chief Information Security Officer for the State of South Dakota and the SD DOE Department Secretary for the final selection.

### Additional Information

- Details on where to submit the posters are still being finalized.
- Copyrighted material may not be submitted.
- For more on copyrights, visit Copyright Kids.

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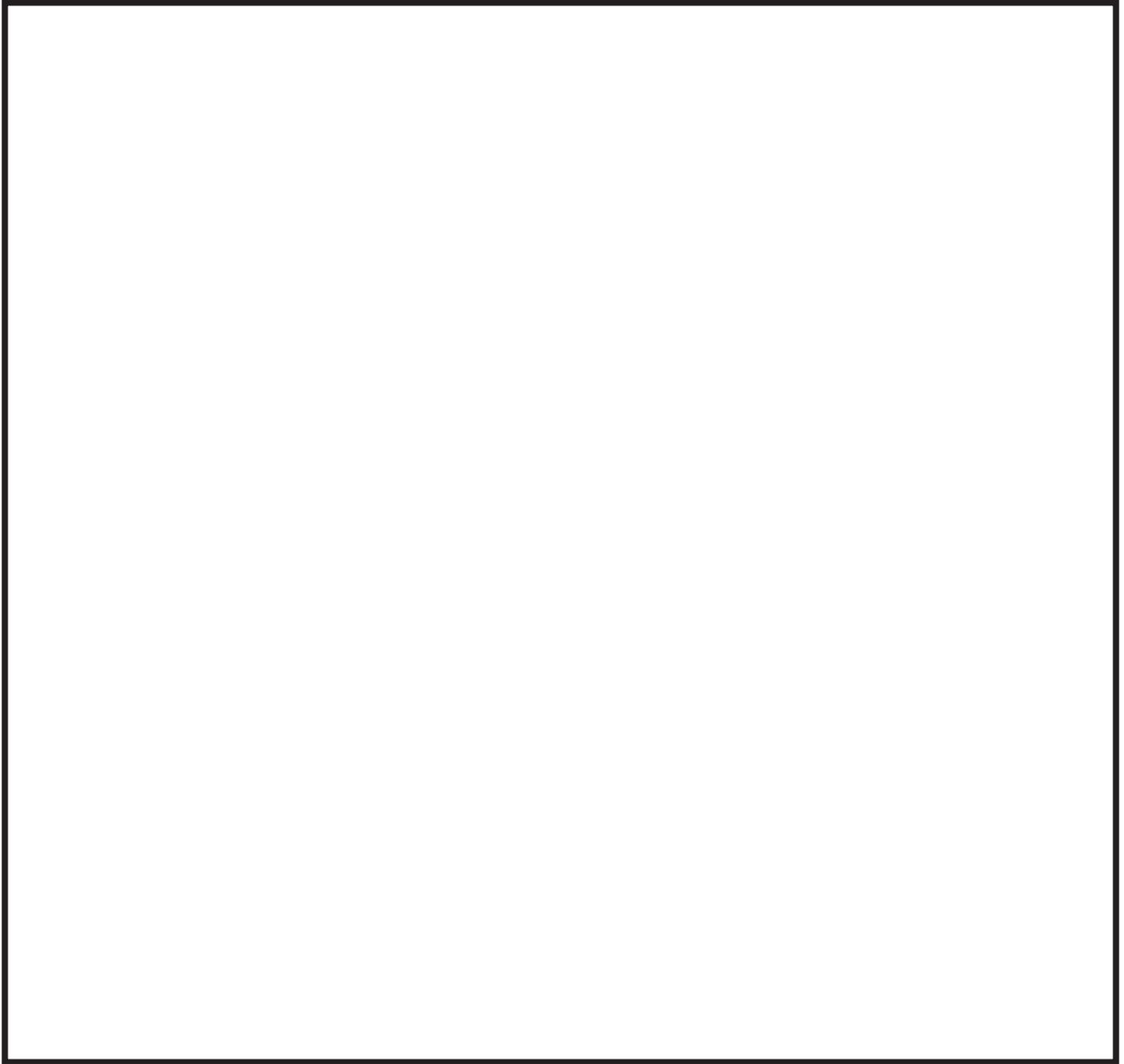
Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

District Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# Cybersecurity Awareness K-12 Drawing Contest

Submissions must be a drawing or a 4-panel comic and fit in box below. Text should be dark and large enough to read. All hand-drawn submissions must be original and scanned. Submissions can be handdrawn or digital. All South Dakota public, private, and home-schooled students in grades K-12 are invited to participate in this fun and engaging contest to help spread cybersecurity awareness.



I give permission for the South Dakota Department of Education and the State of South Dakota Bureau of Information and Technology to: 1) display my child's artwork in print and digital formats, 2) use only their first name and last initial (e.g., Jordan D.) for identification, and 3) keep the artwork for future educational or promotional use. No other personal information will be shared.

This release is granted without compensation.

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_