

FCS Devices to Use Restricted Mode Setting for YouTube

What parents need to know.

Beginning Monday, December 5, YouTube Restricted Mode setting will be implemented district-wide on all devices on the Fulton County Schools network to help screen out inappropriate content on YouTube. This includes all devices used by students, teachers and staff.

With the restricted mode setting, YouTube uses community flagging, age-restrictions and other signals to identify and filter out inappropriate content.

Following a comprehensive examination of our use of YouTube for instruction, Fulton County leadership made a decision to implement YouTube in “Restricted Mode” consistently across the district, which is more appropriate for educational use. Students also will be able to access YouTube videos in restricted mode at home on their district devices. While no filter is 100 percent accurate, this should help avoid most inappropriate content. **Keeping students safe and protecting them from inappropriate material are priorities for our school district.**

Why is FCS using the restricted mode setting now?

FCS was made aware of community concerns regarding inappropriate content on YouTube that was accessible by our students through simple search. So, over the past couple of months, we assembled a task force of teachers, instructional leaders, and district personnel from across the county to determine the best course of action to reduce students’ access to inappropriate material. One recommendation was presented for district leadership’s review and Superintendent’s decision.

What action must I or my child take?

Most videos currently used in the district require no change for students. However, we encourage parents and families to review the district’s digital citizenship resources on how to use technology safely and responsibly. Click here to view the district’s [Responsible Use District Policy](#).

How can I get more information to help keep my child safe?

Please review the district’s [digital citizenship resources](#) on how to use technology safely and responsibly. You also may visit [Common Sense Media](#) for additional tools that you can use at home to help keep your kids safe while online.

Please contact your child’s school if you have questions.