



## **Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) and Online Safety**

Branches Learning is committed to providing a safe and secure online learning environment for all students. To support compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) and promote responsible digital citizenship, the following expectations apply to all students participating in Branches Learning classes, tutoring sessions, and school-sponsored activities:

- Students must use their school-issued email account to access Branches Learning classes, tutoring sessions, and learning platforms.
- Students must attend classes and tutoring sessions using their name and account. Impersonating another student or allowing another person to attend on their behalf is prohibited.
- Students are responsible for maintaining the security of their school accounts and passwords and may not share login credentials with others.
- Students may only access online content and resources that are related to educational activities and approved by Branches Learning instructors.
- Students are expected to use technology in a safe, respectful, and responsible manner at all times.
- Students may not share personal information, including phone numbers, home addresses, personal email addresses, social media accounts, usernames, passwords, or other identifying information during classes, breakout rooms, tutoring sessions, or school-sponsored events.
- Students who wish to communicate or collaborate with another student outside a Branches Learning class or tutoring session must do so only with parent/guardian permission and outside of Branches Learning platforms.
- Students may not record, photograph, screenshot, or distribute any class, tutoring session, chat, instructional material, or participant information without permission from Branches Learning and all participants involved.
- Students may not use chat, screen sharing, collaborative tools, or other technology features to harass, bully, threaten, impersonate, or disrupt others.
- Students may not access, create, view, share, or distribute content that is inappropriate, obscene, harmful, discriminatory, or unrelated to educational purposes.
- Students may not attempt to bypass security measures, access restricted systems, use unauthorized software, or interfere with the operation of Branches Learning, school, or third-party educational platforms.
- Students must respect copyright and intellectual property rights and may not reproduce, distribute, or share copyrighted instructional materials without permission.



- Students may only use artificial intelligence (AI) tools, online resources, and other technology in accordance with teacher instructions and school academic integrity policies.
- When cameras are required by the teacher, students should participate from an appropriate learning environment free from distracting, unsafe, or inappropriate content visible on camera.
- Students should immediately report any inappropriate online content, communications, safety concerns, or behavior to their teacher, tutor, parent/guardian, or Branches Learning staff member.
- Parents/guardians are encouraged to monitor student internet use outside live instructional sessions and support safe online behavior at home.
- Parents/guardians are welcome to observe live instructional sessions but should avoid disrupting instruction or interacting directly with students apart from their child during class.

Branches Learning promotes responsible digital citizenship, including online safety, respectful online communication, cyberbullying awareness, protection of personal information, media literacy, and appropriate interactions on social networking and other online platforms.

Violations of these expectations may result in removal from a session, restriction of technology privileges, notification of the student's school, and/or additional disciplinary action.

By participating in Branches Learning programs, students, and families agree to follow these online safety expectations and help maintain a positive digital learning environment for all participants.