

Phishing Campaigns

FREE FOR ILLINOIS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Test Your Exposure to Phishing

Phishing is the most common way attackers breach school districts. A single convincing email can steal staff credentials, expose sensitive data, or trigger ransomware that disrupts instruction. While security tools block many threats, the emails that get through rely on one thing: a human click.

90%+

of breaches start with a phishing email

1 click

is all it takes to expose credentials or data

Days

of lost instruction when ransomware hits a district

That's why trained staff are your strongest defense. The LTC's phishing awareness campaigns, funded by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE), simulates phishing attacks to educate district employees on detecting and preventing these risks. Participating districts receive a detailed assessment of their susceptibility to phishing, enabling targeted improvements in cybersecurity training.

WHAT MAKES OUR CAMPAIGNS DIFFERENT

Free

One free campaign per year for every Illinois public K-12 district. Additional campaigns at low cost.

Realistic

Emails crafted like real phishing attempts, including persuasive text, graphics, a tempting link. Completely safe.

Educational

The link leads to a teaching page, not a threat. Staff learn the red flags they missed.

HOW A CAMPAIGN WORKS

1

Simulate

Simulated phishing emails go out to district employees.

2

Educate

Clicking the link opens a lesson on spotting phishing.

3

Report

Your district gets a report showing who clicked and where training is needed.

Powered by K12 Smart Phish



Campaigns run on K12Smart Phish, a phishing simulation and security awareness platform built by the LTC specifically for K-12. It helps districts build a security-aware culture through safe practice and in-the-moment coaching, with clear reporting on your district's human risk.

WHAT YOUR STAFF EXPERIENCE

IT

IT Help Desk

it-support@district-secure-login.com

SIMULATION

Action required: your password expires today

Your district email password will expire in 2 hours. Verify your account immediately using the link below.

[Verify My Account Now](#)

SMART LEARN: 3 RED FLAGS TO SPOT

- 1 The sender's domain isn't your district's.
- 2 Urgent, fear-based deadline pressure.
- 3 A generic link asking for your password.

WHAT POWERS IT

Realistic template library

True-to-life vendor and internal emails, kept current.

Smart Learn moments

Clickers see the exact red flags they missed, instantly.

Recurring campaigns

Safe simulations on a schedule, all year long.

Audiences & sync

Target schools, departments, or roles — synced from Google or Microsoft 365.

Click & report tracking

Know who opened, clicked, or reported.

Reporting & risk

Click rates, repeat clickers, and improvement over time.

Home-grown

K12Smart is made by the LTC and available for purchase by any district that wants phishing simulation year-round. Learn more at k12smart.com/phish.

Get Started

Free campaigns are offered first-come, first-serve. To request yours:

1 · Request

Email dshaffer@lrcillinois.org to get on the schedule.

2 · Onboard

We send a guided link that walks you through setup.

3 · Set Up

Sync your directory read-only from Google Workspace or upload a CSV, then whitelist our sending IPs.

4 · Launch

We run the campaign and review the results with you within two weeks.

Schedule a Phishing Campaign

Free to Illinois public school districts, funded by the Illinois State Board of Education. Phishing campaigns are scheduled first come, first served.

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