

# Ethics in Automated Security

## Student Policy Worksheet (Grades 6-8)

**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Group Members:** \_\_\_\_\_

### The Scenario

Your school is implementing “SchoolGuard,” an AI-powered network security system. Your advisory committee must decide **what the AI can do automatically** versus **what requires human approval**.

SchoolGuard can:

- Block websites it identifies as dangerous
- Monitor student digital activity for threats
- Alert administrators about unusual behavior
- Learn from patterns to improve detection

### Part 1: Your Initial Position (5 minutes)

**Before group discussion**, write your own thoughts:

#### Question 1: Automatic Blocking

Should SchoolGuard automatically block websites it identifies as malicious, or require human approval first?

**My position:** ☐ Auto-block ☐ Require approval ☐ Hybrid approach

**Main reason:**

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**My biggest concern:**

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#### Question 2: Activity Alerts

Should SchoolGuard alert administrators about “unusual” student activity?

**My position:** ☐ Yes, alert ☐ No alerts ☐ Only for serious concerns

**What should count as “unusual”?**

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**Privacy concern I have:**

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### **Question 3: Adaptive Learning**

Should SchoolGuard learn from student behavior patterns to improve?

**My position:** ☐ Allow learning ☐ Prohibit ☐ Limit somehow

**Benefit I see:**

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**Risk I worry about:**

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### **Part 2: AI Consultation (10 minutes)**

Talk to SchoolGuard AI about your policy questions. Record what you learn.

#### **Suggested Opening:**

“You’re an AI security system being implemented at a middle school. I’m on the student advisory committee helping design policies. For each question I ask, share both your capabilities AND your honest limitations.”

#### **AI Insights on Automatic Blocking**

**AI’s strongest argument for automation:**

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**Limitation AI acknowledged:**

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**Question this raised:**

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#### **AI Insights on Activity Alerts**

**How AI would define “unusual”:**

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**What AI said it CAN’T determine:**

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**Privacy concern AI raised:**

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## AI Insights on Adaptive Learning

How learning would improve protection:

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Data AI would need to collect:

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Trade-off AI identified:

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## Part 3: Group Policy Development (15 minutes)

Your Group's Recommendations

Policy Area	Our Recommendation	Our Reasoning	How We Address AI's Limitations
Automatic Blocking Activity Alerts Adaptive Learning			

## Stakeholder Perspectives

Students would say:

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AI system would say:

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Parents would say:

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Teachers would say:

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Administrators would say:

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## Part 4: Reflection (5 minutes)

Where did AI's perspective change your thinking?

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**Where did your policies balance AI capabilities with human values?**

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**What insights emerged from human-AI collaboration that neither could develop alone?**

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**What cybersecurity careers work on these kinds of decisions?**

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