



News Release

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“Take Control of Your Privacy,” — Commissioner Cavoukian Urges Students as IPC Launches New Grade 11/12 Teacher Resource Guide

TORONTO – In the spirit of supporting student awareness about privacy protection and the importance of open government, Dr. Ann Cavoukian, Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario (IPC), has just launched a new [Resource Guide for Grade 11/12 Teachers](#).

Consistent with course profiles funded by the Ontario Ministry of Education, the comprehensive new guide is designed to engage students’ interest and stimulate group discussion on a variety of timely topics including freedom of information, individual rights, teens’ “online brand” and social networks.

“Our Office is extremely pleased to offer this new resource to help educate young people about access to government-held information, an important public value that underpins our free and democratic society,” says Commissioner Cavoukian.

“As technology continues to evolve, it is equally important to educate teens about privacy protection, and the fact that privacy is not about secrecy — it is about the right of individuals to control their own personal information.”

The Grade 11/12 guide follows the [Resource Guide for Grade 10 Teachers](#), launched by the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner late last year. As well, a complementary [Privacy by Design lesson](#) is now available to help students understand how privacy can be designed into technologies, processes and physical spaces. Learn more about all of the IPC resources, which also includes a [Grade 5 Guide](#), available for teachers on the [IPC website](#).

Four Key Units in New Grade 11/12 Resource Guide:

- Introduction to the IPC, Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy
- Personal Information and Privacy Matters
- Using the Web: Internet Privacy
- Open Government and Freedom of Information Matters

Educators can contact the IPC for free copies at info@ipc.on.ca. In addition, IPC staff are available to profile the new resource guide in person at school boards.

The IPC would like to acknowledge the following individuals for their work on the new Grade 11/12 Resource Guide: Bob Spence, former IPC Communications Co-ordinator, and frontline educators Bernadette Hattar and Sandra Mateus, both Co-operative Education Teachers at Rick Hansen Secondary School of the Peel District School Board.



About the IPC The Information and Privacy Commissioner is appointed by and reports to the Ontario Legislative Assembly, and is independent of the government of the day. The Commissioner's mandate includes overseeing the access and privacy provisions of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, as well as the *Personal Health Information Protection Act*, which applies to both public and private sector health information custodians. The Commissioner's mandate also includes helping to educate the public about access and privacy issues.

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