

5 Questions to Ask Your School About Safe Tech

Schools rely heavily on wireless technology, but few parents know how much exposure their children face each day. These five questions will help you uncover what's really happening in your child's classroom and ensure safer, healthier learning environments.

1. What kind of wireless infrastructure is currently in use on campus?

Ask about the number and placement of Wi-Fi routers and wireless access points (WAPs) in classrooms, whether 5G small cells or antennas have been installed nearby, and if there are any cell towers on or adjacent to school property.

Why it matters: Proximity and density of wireless infrastructure can significantly increase exposure levels, especially for young children.

2. How much time each day are students using wireless devices, and are they instructed on how to use them safely?

Find out how long students use tablets, Chromebooks, or laptops during the school day, and whether they're advised to keep devices away from their bodies or use airplane mode when possible.

Why it matters: Longer usage increases cumulative exposure. Many children rest devices on their laps and against their bodies without knowing the risks.

3. Are there wired (Ethernet) options available for internet access in classrooms?

Ask if the school has Ethernet ports or wired connections available for devices and whether these can be used in place of Wi-Fi.

Why it matters: Wired internet is faster, more secure, and does not expose students and staff to unnecessary wireless radiation.

4. What policies are in place to limit wireless radiation exposure for students and staff?

Ask if the school turns off routers when not in use, restricts unnecessary screen time, or has guidelines based on age or developmental stage.

Why it matters: Simple policy changes can drastically reduce exposure without compromising on high-quality technology-based education.

5. Has the school reviewed current scientific research and public health recommendations on wireless radiation and children?

Ask whether administrators are aware of guidance from the American Academy of Pediatrics, Environmental Health Trust, or the BioInitiative Report.

Why it matters: Many health experts call for precautionary measures, especially for children, whose bodies are still developing.