

Dixon Public Schools
2025-2026 Phishing Campaign Results

Similar to the 2024-2025 School Year, we ran a phishing campaign this school year. The campaign this year took place in March and again was facilitated by the Learning Technology Center, which provides a free phishing campaign every year for each district in Illinois. The campaign is administered by the cyber security company, Cybernut.

These campaigns are a common practice to educate employees, raise security awareness and evaluate our vulnerability to phishing. We regularly see targeted phishing emails attempts against our staff. One of the most common we see is the attempt to change bank routing information in order to steal someone's paycheck. There are real threats to our staff and to our organization as a whole.

The campaign this year was a series of emails, with each employee receiving 3 distinct messages attempting to get the recipient to click on a link. The phishing emails reported a suspicious login on user accounts from Iran or South Africa, or shared a spurious link to a Spring Break Schedule document, or showed a purchase of an online subscription.

The phishing campaign was more intense and harder to discern than our previous campaigns. Here's our results, comparing them to the campaign from 2024-2025.

	2024-2025	2025-2026
Staff Members Included	394	397
Phishing Emails Sent	1078	1191
Number of staff that clicked bad links	23	71
Total number of clicks on bad links	32	146
% of staff clicking on bad links	5.8%	17.9%