



Discipline and Social Media: Making Positive Connections

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Most Popular Social Platforms

- Facebook
- Instagram
- Snapchat



- **Parents should be monitoring the use of these frequently!!**

How does Social Media Affect Schools?

- Students can be easily influenced by social media.
- Can create disruptions to the educational process.
- Students become more interested in social media than in academics.
- Can lead to bullying, harassment or worse.



Can it be productive?



- Yes!!
- With careful regulation, social media can allow student to reach beyond the classroom and extend their learning.
- Can “show” students how to accomplish some tasks rather than just hearing about them.

What is the school's responsibility(ies)?



- Many school districts do not allow telecommunication devices to be used for pleasure during the school day.
- Discipline can extend to social media aspects when students violate the code of conduct.
- The school (district) can discourage the negative use of social media.

What is the Parents' responsibility(ies)



- Monitor children's use (what they are actually posting/seeing).
- Promote positive use of social media (lead by example).
- Ask children daily what have they been "chatting" about.
- Limit the time they use phones/tablets.

What can a Parent Do If Children are Targeted?

- Report it to the appropriate authority.
- If it's an incident involving other students in school, report it to administration.
- Keep copies of any threatening, demeaning or harassing text, pictures or conversations.
- Instruct your children to not reply.



Children & School

- Encourage children to always report negative social media activity, even if it's affecting someone else.
- Reporting should be done in a timely manner.
- Children should understand that school administrators are there to assist.

Parents & School

- Keep positive communication with school personnel.
- Remember that schools always have to listen to all parties involved and have to make decisions based on the best evidence presented.

The last “chat”

- Be your children's best advocate.
- Show them patience and compassion.
- Encourage them to be positive and monitor constantly.
- “Push” them to do their best!



Thank You!
Enjoy the rest of the
Conference!!

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