

# Internet Safety

1:1 Laptop Initiative

# Important Notice

**Your child's laptop has Internet filtering at home  
BUT it won't catch everything.**

Parents that allow home Internet access are accepting responsibility for monitoring their child's Internet use.

# Communicating Online: What is it?

- Email
- Chat
- Instant Messaging (IM)
- Posting videos
- Social Networks
- Videos



# Communicating Online:

## What does it look like?

- Using school email or another email address like hotmail.com
- Posting pictures and comments to a social networking site
- Posting updates to Twitter

# Communicating Online: What are the dangers?

- Writing an “I hate my teacher” comment
- Giving an email address or screen name to someone you don’t know
- Sending an inappropriate picture
- Posting an inappropriate video

# Communicating Online:

What can you do to protect your child?

- Ask your kids who they are in touch with online
- Watch out for **phishing** – when scam artists send text, email or pop-up messages to get people to share their personal information
- As a parent, you can say, “No.”

# Socializing Online

**Social networking site:** A website that allows you to build a profile and connect with others (ex: Facebook, MySpace, Twitter).



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# Socializing Online: What are the dangers?

- Sharing too much information
- Posting pictures or video that damage someone's reputation
- “Friending” unknown people
- Online predators



# Socializing Online: What can parents do?

- **Review your child's friend list**
- Use privacy settings to restrict who can access and post on your child's profile
- Tell your child not to impersonate someone else
- Create a safe screen name

# Cyberbullying

**Cyberbullying:** using technology, such as the Internet or cell phones, to bully or harass someone.



# Cyberbullying:

## What does it look like?

- Posting pictures of someone without consent
- Spreading rumors, gossip or threatening someone (on a social networking site, blog, text message, etc)
- Stealing passwords to assume someone else's identity

# Cyberbullying: What can parents do?

- Talk to your child about bullying
- Ask your child to let you know if an online message or image makes him/her feel threatened or hurt
- **Check your child's social networking page often for mean-spirited comments**

# Cyberbullying: What can parents do?

- Do not respond to cyberbullying messages
- Save the inappropriate content
- Block the bully if it is a social networking site
- Report it to the administration, and if the child is in danger, report to the local police

# Protecting the laptop: What does it look like?

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- Keeping the laptop free from viruses
- Keeping personal information private

# Protecting the laptop: What can parents do?

- Avoid downloading anything:
  - Free screensavers or games
  - Emails or attachments from unknown senders

# What Can Parents Do?

- Establish rules for Internet use
- Keep the computer in a common room
- Communicate with your child



# Remember:

- The laptops are school property
- Websites visited, videos posted and online communications can be traced