

## Phone, Internet & Social Media Safety



### HELPFUL LINKS

[INTERNET SAFETY](#)

[CYBERBULLYING](#)

[TALKING TO YOUR KIDS  
ABOUT SOCIAL MEDIA &  
SEXTING](#)

[CELL PHONE USE](#)

[CYBERBULLYING & LEGAL  
IMPLICATIONS](#)

The Fruitland School District strives to provide a safe learning environment for its students. An emerging national concern is the inappropriate use of electronic devices and the internet by students. This problem is potentially harmful and may have negative long-term effects on students. Across the nation, schools have seen an increase in negative student behavior as a result of images and messages posted to popular social media sites and sent to one another through electronic devices. Many sites contain instant messaging components that allow students to chat with other students and to post statements that ordinarily would not be said in a face-to-face conversation.

We encourage parents/guardians to talk with your children about the potential dangers of the internet and smart phone use. If your child is texting or using such apps with your permission, you may want to review his/her profile and activity to ensure they are safe and appropriate. We also encourage you to establish rules and guidelines to ensure the safety of your child while using devices or on the internet.

Fruitland School District will continue to provide internet security within our schools and encourage students to make wise choices when using the internet and social media. It is important that parents also monitor internet use at home. Thank you for your support in keeping our students safe. The links above provide additional information regarding internet safety, social media, cyber bullying, and sexting. If you have questions, or would like more information, please feel free to contact your child's school administrator or counselor.