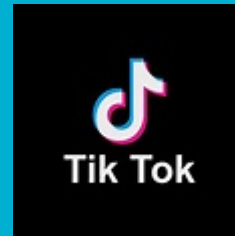


Great Meadows Middle School

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Keeping Your Child Safe In The 21st Century



Before The Boom

Pen Pals

Cellular Phones

Snail Mail

The Telephone



A Very Slow Process

It used to take at least two days for a message to be delivered

Anything a child had to say would usually wait until the next day- cooling off period

Communication Was Expensive And Limited

Internet Dial Up Access was available but very costly

Some Internet Relay Chats (IRCs) were gaining popularity but still not well known

Government, universities and other institutions used “the web” mainly for file transfers and simple database access

Changing Media Formats

➤ [A Timeline](#)

Here Comes The BooM

Cell phones got smaller



More capabilities

Pictures

Text



Computers more advanced

Online capabilities exploded

Social Media



The Explosion

Some Stats:

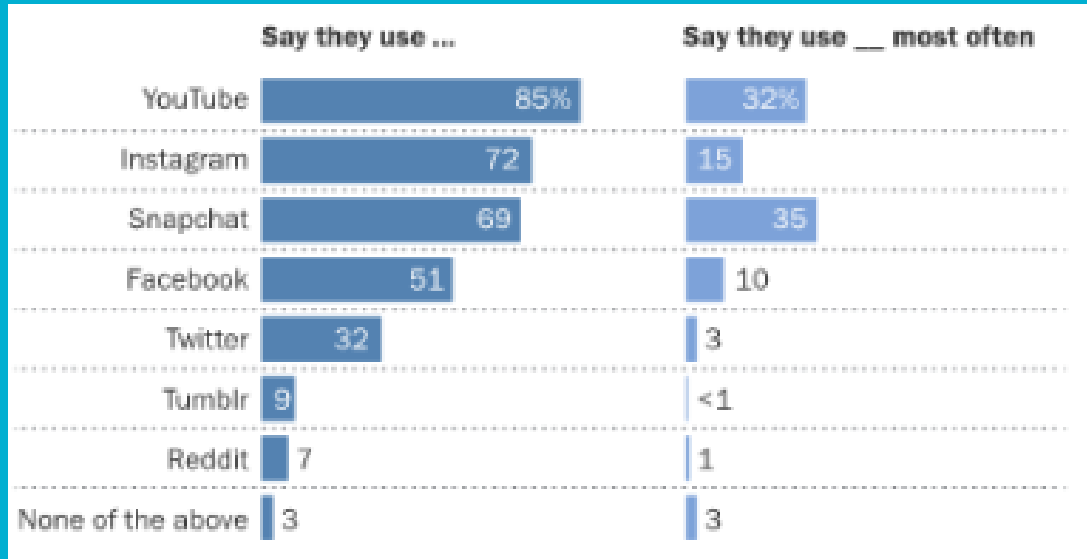
In 2015, 94 percent of children ages 3 to 18 had a computer at home and 61 percent of children ages 3 to 18 had internet access at home.

For those children who had access to the Internet in 2015, the two locations with the highest reported levels of internet access were at home (86 percent) and at school (65 percent), and the two most common means of internet access at home were a high-speed internet service and a mobile internet service or data plan.

More Statistics

95% of teens report they have a smartphone or access to one

Favorite Sites/Apps



Cyberbullying

43% of kids have been bullied online

70% of students report seeing frequent bullying online

80% of teens use a cell phone regularly, making it the most common medium for cyber bullying

81% of young people think bullying online is easier to get away with than bullying in person

Bullying victims are 2 to 9 times more likely to consider committing suicide

75% of students admit they have visited a website bashing another student

Child Predators

Protect Your Kids

Social Media Allows for:

Anonymity

Access to children

Risky online youth behavior

Difficult for law enforcement to track

Access to child pornography

They know your child's language and lingo

Risky Behavior

Copycat Activities

Youtube
Tik Tok
Instagram
Snapchat

Illegal and Secretive Behavior

Sexting
Secret apps
Unknown friends

Cyber Challenges

Blue Whale Challenge
Tide Pod Challenge
Momo Challenge
Whats App
In My Feelings
Salt & Ice Challenge



What Can You Do?

Parental Controls:

- [iPhones and iPads](#)
- [Samsung/Android phones](#)

Talk to your child about cell phone safety

Discuss how despite what the app says, no photo, video, or text disappears completely

Add your child's phone/tablet to your iCloud or Playstore account

Educate yourself

What Can You Do?

Explore the App or Google Play Store
Know what's available to your child

Block messaging or set data limits

Talk to your cell phone or ISP provider about parental options or controls available to you

Make a contract with your child and set rules and parameters. If those rules are broken, then live by the contract

Enforce consequences-They will thank you later...much later

Questions

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