BCSS Parent Information Resources

Cybersafety and Internet Safety Resources for Parents

As a parent, we provide safety rules for all kinds of activities our children may encounter, such as crossing the street, talking to strangers, how to behave at a friend's house, etc. The information "super highway" should be viewed just like any other street to cross. Whether your child is going on the Internet at home, school, at a friend's house or on their phone, it's important for children to be able to recognize potentially dangerous and/or threatening behavior. The BCSS encourages parents to take advantage of the following resources when talking to your children about staying safe while on the Internet.

Cyberbullying

- Parry's Guide to Cyberbullying
- 5 Things You Need to Know about Cyberbullying
- What is Cyberbullying, exactly?
- Why do kids cyberbully each other?
- Cyberbullying: How it Works
 - Direct Attacks
 - By Proxy
- Preventing Cyberbullying

Texting & Sexting (Cell Phones) / Sextortion

- When Texing Turns to Torment
- Parent Tip Sheet: Sexting (PDF)
- Sexting: Tips for Parents and Discussion Starters (be sure to click the "more" button)
- Cell Phones and Online Safety
- Sextortion Explanation
- What is Sextortion?

Internet Safety and Digital Citizenship

- Be a Good Digital Citizen: Tips for Teens and Parents
- Internet Safety Guidance for Parents
- Internet Safety Rules of the Road for Kids
- Cybersafe Girls
- Non-Technical Measures to Protect Kids Online
- Age-Based Guidelines for Internet Use and Safety
- Family Media Agreements

Social Networking Safety

- Parent Tip Sheet: Social Networking (PDF)
- Facebook for Parents: How your teen can use Facebook safely
- <u>Social Networking: The basics, tips, and discussion starters</u> (be sure to click the "more" button)

Protecting Your Child's Online Privacy

• Parent's Guide to Protecting Kids' Privacy Online

• Revealing Too Much Online