



Using Social Media Responsibly

FACT SHEET

The always-evolving online world is constantly offering new forms of communication and social networking and has become an ingrained part of everyday student life. While there are many benefits to these technologies, misuse can also have far-reaching and long-lasting impact.

Part of our goal as a school is to help students become responsible members of our community. That's why it's important to remind students from time to time about good digital citizenship by highlighting safe and positive use of technology, our school's code of conduct, TDSB policies, and potential implications of misuse. Cyber bullying, sharing and saving inappropriate pictures and videos, and other types of misuse can result in serious school consequences, and even police involvement.

Social media applications are powerful tools that contribute to a digital footprint that can affect post-secondary opportunities, employment, and relationships, for better or worse. We encourage students to use these resources in ways that are constructive, responsible, and respectful.

For information about how parents can help reinforce school messages, visit [this](http://bit.ly/Dig-Cit) web page developed by the Government of Canada: <http://bit.ly/Dig-Cit>

