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Notice to Parents

Here at VPrep Academy of Florida, we want students to feel safe in cyberspace while they navigate today's powerful technology. For students to make good choices, they must learn how the digital world operates. There are times when young children and young adults are exposed to content greater than their maturity level. The technology available to students can be a great resource and also have a harmful effect on them at the same time.

As per Florida Law, all students in grades 6-12 will receive instruction on internet safety and the effects of social media, including:

- **the negative effects of social media on mental health, including addiction;**
- **the distribution of misinformation on social media;**
- **how social media manipulates behavior;**
- **the permanency of sharing materials online;**
- **how to maintain personal security and identify cyberbullying, predatory behavior, and human trafficking on the Internet; and**
- **how to report suspicious behavior encountered on the Internet.**

This notice also provides you with the resources and some recommendations you can follow at home as well:

- Become and remain positively engaged in your student's online activities
- Discuss with your child the permanency of information shared on the internet.
- Consider establishing establish a technology curfew which limits when and where technology can be used.
- Create a media agreement with children and students

Additional resources are linked below:

[StaySafeOnline.org](https://www.staysafeonline.org)

[Raising Digital Citizens](#)

Common Sense Media: [Website Reviews](#)

[NetSmartz Home \(missingkids.org\)](https://www.missingkids.org/net-smartz)

[Digital Footprints: An Internet Society Reference Framework - Internet Society](#)