

"I am proud to be a partner with SCS to offer training, support, and education for our children on Internet safety and guidelines. WE MUST educate our children on the dangers of social networking and internet usage. Please, pay attention to how you as a parent can help your children remain safe. I am committed to offering services and resources through the Sheriff's Office to help educate and inform our community."

— Sheriff Graham Atkinson

"We will harness the power of 21st century learning and technologies all the while teaching your students to be safe and to act responsibly and ethically while using digital technologies."

— Ashley F. Hinson, Jr., Ed.D.

"Technology is everywhere...students are connected at home, at school, at the mall, at the neighbor's house... and we ALL want our students to learn safe online behaviors."

— Detective Chad Hutchens



NC Wiseowl Internet Safety Resources

www.ncwiseowl.org/zones/parent/safety.html

Visit website to learn additional information:

- > Be Safe Online
- > Be Web Aware
- > Get NetWise
- > ParentSmart
- > Children Online
- > KIDZ Privacy
- > Safe & Smart
- > CyberSmart
- > I-Safe
- > Parents' Guide to the Internet
- > NC Dept. of Justice Internet Safety Video

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Internet Safety Guide

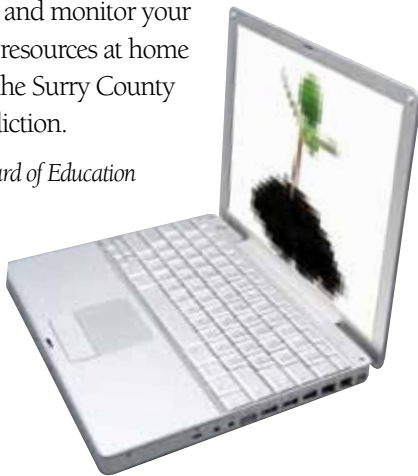


Technology is a tool that is to be used wisely and effectively to enhance and improve student learning. If it is not used this way, it loses its value. Prudent, resourceful, and safe use of this technology, now more than ever, requires a well-rounded education that equips students, not only with knowledge, but most importantly, with the ability to think clearly and thus help those students assess, value, and use technology effectively as citizens of the 21st Century.

Surry County Schools Board of Education Policy 10000

The Surry County School System and its staff seek to take all reasonable measures to guide, monitor, and protect our students in their use of Surry County School System's technology resources, consistent with student age and maturity. Parents, however, you are primarily responsible for instructing your children in the proper values governing the use of such resources. The Surry County School System requests that parents, in cooperation with the Surry County Schools, and the Surry County Sheriff's Office communicate to your children an understanding of responsible and safe use of these resources and monitor your children's use of such resources at home or anywhere outside the Surry County School System's jurisdiction.

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General Internet Safety Tips for Parents

- Children should be aware of the house rules for computer and internet usage.
- Make sure your child doesn't spend all of his/her time on the computer.
- Keep the computer in a family room, living room, or another open area in your home, not in your child's bedroom.
- Utilize safeguarding programs provided by your online service provider.
- Learn enough about computers so you can enjoy them together with your kids.
- Know what your students' school assignments are.
- Help your kids understand what information should be private.
- Allow your children to show you what they do online and visit their favorite websites.
- Be aware of any other computers your child may be using (at a friend's house, at the public library, etc.).
- Have children utilize kid-friendly search engines when completing homework or conducting research on the Internet.
- Know who your children are communicating with online.
- Find out if they have e-mail and instant messaging accounts they are using and ask them for the passwords for those accounts.
- Talk to children about what they should do if they see something that makes them feel uncomfortable, scared or confused. Remind them to tell a trusted adult if they see something that bothers them online.
- If you suspect online "stalking", bullying, or sexual exploitation of a child, report it to your local law enforcement.

Social Networking Safety Tips

- Talk with your children about how they use social networking sites (Myspace, Facebook, etc.). Help them understand basic safety guidelines, such as: protecting their privacy, being nice to their peers, and being cautious about what they post online.
- Explain that kids should only post information that both you and the child are comfortable with. Remind them that anything people put online can be downloaded, revised, and against them. Employers, college admissions officers, and teachers may view the postings.
- Remind your child that once they post information online, they can't take it back.
- Encourage your children to share their profiles, blogs and any social-networking posts with you. Social networks should be monitored by an adult.
- Use privacy settings to restrict who can access and post on your child's site.
- Get to know their "online friends" just as you get to know all of their other friends.
- Remind them to be cautious when communicating with people they do not know personally. Online acquaintances may not be what they appear to be.
- Children should never plan to meet in person with a friend they met online.
- Remind children that the same rules apply when using cell phones. They should be careful who they share their number with and how they use GPS and other technologies that can pinpoint their location.