

Protecting Student Privacy on Social Media

Do's and Dants for Teachers

Social media can be a great classroom tool for modeling what good digital citizenship looks like. Check out this handy list of do's and don'ts for protecting your students' privacy while teaching them responsible, creative, and critical media use:

Establish Transparent Policies

DO: Locate and review your school or district's social media guidelines.

DO: Use parental consent/opt-out forms.



media in your classroom without guidelines in place.

DON'T: Start using social

Gear Up and Set Up

a separate account for professional use.

DO: Consider creating

students how you'll be using social media.

DO: Take an inventory

of the sharing settings

DO: Explain to

social media accounts.

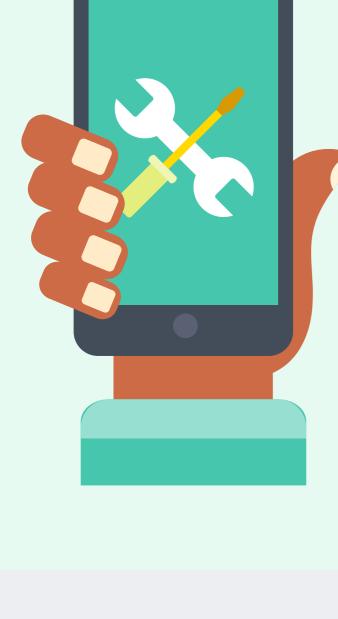
DO: Review the privacy

settings on any personal

for your digital files and folders. **DO:** Get photo-editing tools for

student or class information

on walls, whiteboards, etc.



sensitive information. **DON'T:** Display sensitive

your phone or tablet to edit out

DO: Closely review **DO:** Be mindful of

Protect Confidential Information

educational product. **DO:** Look out for name tags and jerseys.

feature or promote an

social posts that

DO: Turn off location services for your

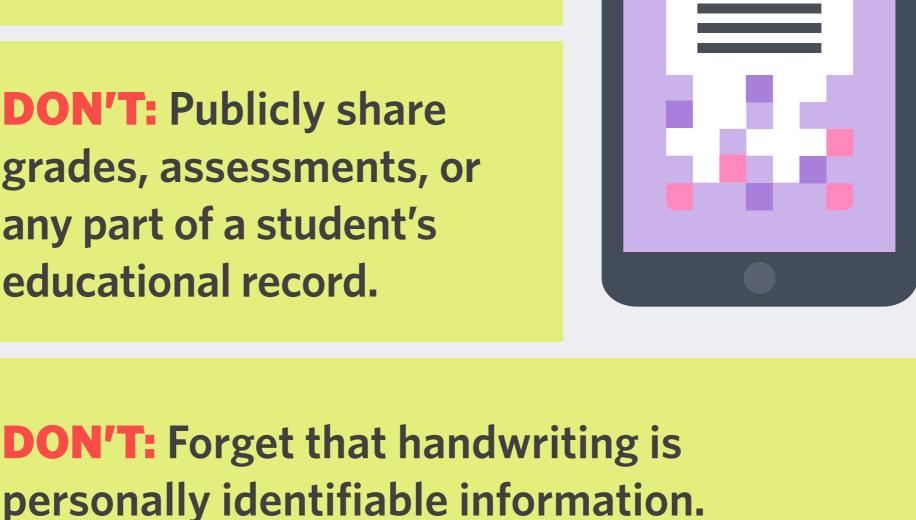
phone when taking

pictures.

any picture you share

before posting.

- **DON'T:** Share students' faces or names without explicit parental consent.
- **DON'T:** Use students' names when naming files.
- **DON'T:** Publicly share grades, assessments, or any part of a student's educational record.



personally identifiable information.

Not Quite Ready to Go Public?



DO: Use a classroom-only tool such as an LMS to share safely, and build your classroom's digital citizenship skills.