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Staff Social Media Policy

Policy

To protect our employees and our students, Weathersfield School District has established the following policy for staff use of social media:

Any school staff, whether paid or unpaid, including coaches, volunteers, teachers, support staff and administration (hereinafter called school representatives) should not communicate with students on students' social media pages or accounts. School representatives should not actively peruse students' social media pages or accounts unless given permission to do so by the Principal. If a school representative inadvertently becomes aware of a discipline issue or safety issue through social media, they should contact their principal and/or the superintendent, before responding.

School representatives should not have any expectations of privacy on their personal social media pages or accounts since social media exists primarily in the public realm. All school representatives' social media pages or accounts should reflect the ethical standards and expectations of their role as a school district representative. Should inappropriate material be found on pages and/or accounts, it shall be reported to the principal or superintendent and will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination.

Windsor Southeast Supervisory Union and its member districts may have official school related social media pages or accounts that will communicate school related information. These pages or accounts will be monitored by school officials to assure proper use. With approval from the principal, school representatives may set up "group" Facebook accounts for their classes, sports teams, clubs or other official school groups.