



Safe and Responsible Social Networking

Assume that EVERYONE has access to your profile- even if you have your profile restricted to "friends only".

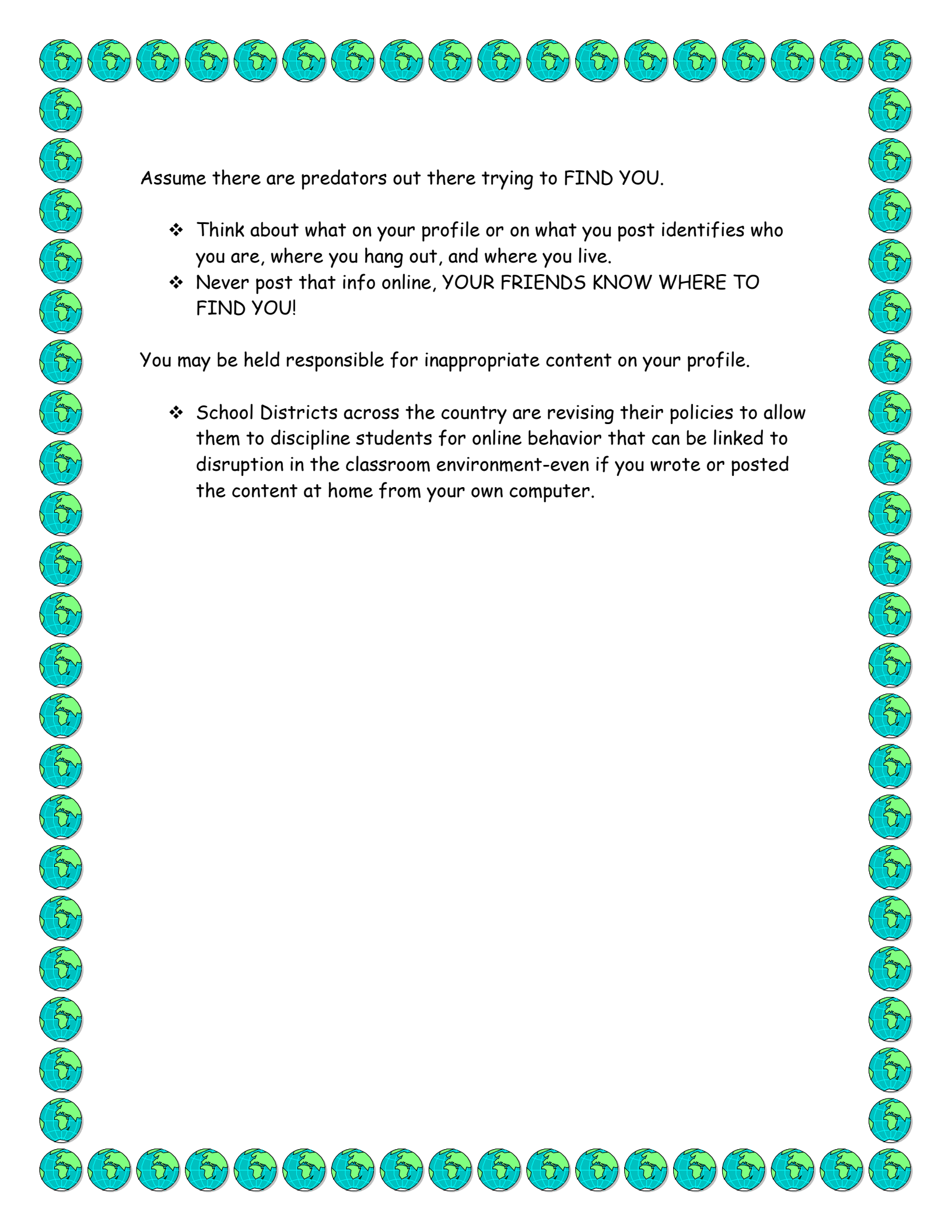
- ❖ Don't discuss things you wouldn't want your parents, teachers, future employers, or law enforcement to know about.
- ❖ Don't use language that you wouldn't use in front of your parents.
- ❖ Make sure you set your profile to "private" so that you can control who has easy access to your information.

Use DISCRETION when putting pictures on your profile- Your friends might think that the picture of you acting silly at the party last night was hilarious but your future employer or parents might now react the same way.

- ❖ Also remember that your friend or a stranger can take your picture and it may end up on their profile for all to see.

Assume people WILL use the information on your profile to cause you harm.

- ❖ Don't put anything online you wouldn't want your worst enemy to know.
- ❖ Don't add people as friends unless you know them in real life.
- ❖ Don't add people just to try to accumulate the most friends that you possibly can...because all those people will have access to your profile and information that you post.



Assume there are predators out there trying to FIND YOU.

- ❖ Think about what on your profile or on what you post identifies who you are, where you hang out, and where you live.
- ❖ Never post that info online, **YOUR FRIENDS KNOW WHERE TO FIND YOU!**

You may be held responsible for inappropriate content on your profile.

- ❖ School Districts across the country are revising their policies to allow them to discipline students for online behavior that can be linked to disruption in the classroom environment-even if you wrote or posted the content at home from your own computer.