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PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Glossary of Social Media Platforms

Platform	Description	Purpose or Value	Age Guidance	Additional Resources
Discord *Not approved for district use*	Discord is a voice, video, and text chat app.	Users can communicate and collaborate with their friends about a variety of topics.	13+ Discord Safety & Age Requirement	• Discord Safety Site with Directions for Families and Educators on how to control one's experience • Family's Ultimate Guide to Discord
Facebook *Used for district communications*	Facebook allows users to create profiles to connect with others online through sharing posts, images, videos, and links.	Users can join conversations and contribute ideas with people who share interests or maintain relationships across distance.	13+ Facebook Age Requirement	Facebook Parents Portal
Fortnite *Not approved for district use*	Fortnite is a survival game where players fight to be the last one standing.	Users develop strategy to play with friends and others from around the world.	No minimum age requirement 13+ recommended (open chat feature and action violence – see details in the Parents' Ultimate Guide to Fortnite)	Parents' Ultimate Guide to Fortnite
Instagram *Not approved for FWPS district use*	Instagram is a photo and video sharing app.	Users can connect and comment on posts from friends, family, thought leaders, celebrities, and brands.	13+ Instagram Safety & Age Requirement	Parent's Ultimate Guide to Instagram

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Minecraft *Minecraft: Education Edition is approved and used in FWPS*	Minecraft is a gaming world where users can construct any object using block structures.	Users think creatively using geometry and geology to build, explore, and share their creations with friends and family.	No minimum age requirement Minecraft Account Information for Users Under 13	Parents' Ultimate Guide to Minecraft
Pinterest *Not approved for FWPS district use*	Pinterest is an engine designed to find and share interests through photos, posts, and links.	Users can find posts and boards to discover about their interests.	13+ Pinterest Age Requirement	All About Pinterest
Roblox *Not approved for FWPS district use*	Roblox is a multiplayer game-building tool with content being user-generated.	Users can creatively build games, compete, and share their creations with friends, family, and other users.	No minimum age requirement 13+ recommended (open chat feature – see details in the Parents' Ultimate Guide to Roblox)	Parents' Ultimate Guide to Roblox
Snapchat *Not approved for FWPS district use*	Snapchat is a messaging app for sharing photos, videos, text, and drawings that vanish after they have been viewed.	Users can share their experience with friends or family without the information being saved online.	13+ Snapchat Privacy Policy (see age requirements under the "Children" heading)	Parent's Ultimate Guide to Snapchat
TikTok *Not approved for FWPS district use*	TikTok is a video app that allows users to create and share 15-second videos on any topic.	Users can use special effects and filters to create and share their videos with family, friends, and subscribers.	13+ for full account access Children under 13 can create an account with limited feature access TikTok Safety & Age Requirements	Parents' Ultimate Guide to TikTok

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Twitch *Not approved for FWPS district use but has been used to stream regional and national robotics competitions*	Twitch is a livestreaming service where users can broadcast themselves live over the internet.	Users can interact with others who are passionate about the same topics live.	13+ Twitch Safety & Age Requirement	Parents' Ultimate Guide to Twitch
Twitter *Used for district communications*	Twitter is a news and social networking site where users share short messages called tweets.	Users can connect with others and share their message with a large audience.	13+ Twitter Age Requirement	Twitter Basics
YouTube *Approved for limited use in FWPS with only vetted videos available on FWPS district devices*	YouTube is a video sharing site where users can watch and upload videos to share.	Users can utilize YouTube as a creative outlet to share their content.	13+ Age Requirements for Google accounts (including YouTube)	Parent's Ultimate Guide to YouTube Kids
WhatsApp *Not approved for FWPS district use*	WhatsApp is a messaging app that allows users to send messages, images, audio, or video.	Users can communicate and collaborate with their friends about a variety of topics.	13+ WhatsApp Age Requirement	Privacy Evaluation for WhatsApp Messenger

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Zoom **Approved for use in FWPS with teacher accounts and scholars join teacher or administrator created meetings*	Zoom is a video-meeting or video-chatting tool.	Users can virtually meet with others for events or collaborative opportunities.	16+ to create account No minimum age requirement to join a Zoom session Zoom Age Requirement (see under the "7. Intended Use" heading)	Parents' Ultimate Guide to Zoom

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bit.ly/FamilyUltimateGuides

Glossary of Social Media Vocabulary

Term or Strategy	Description	Impact	Tools Featuring
Avatar	What a player's character looks like in the game. You can customize them with features, props, and clothes, and more.	A term establishing the visual identity of your scholar in a specific game or digital tool.	Almost every game and social media platform.
Esports	The catch-all term for competitive, professional or school-based gaming where players (often on leagues or teams) go head-to-head.	Legitimizes gaming as a competition sport and is a form of online and in-person entertainment.	Variety of games and platforms such as Twitch, YouTube, and more.
Griefing (or Trolling)	Intentionally annoying, harassing, or harming other players in a video game, sometimes through voice or text chat.	A form of digital harassment and bullying. Griefing can have lasting impacts on the individual being targeted and the griefer, including social emotional strain and suspension/ban from gaming platforms.	Any collaborative game or platform *(with any gameplay, chat, or voice interaction).*
Noob	Refers to an inexperienced gamer; derived from "newbie."	A term that can belittle and upset fellow gamers and digital community members.	Any game or platform.
Pwned	Pronounced "poned" (like loaned), this term is a variation of "owned". To pwn someone means to utterly defeat them. Ex: "I beat you three times in a row in Fortnite! You totally got pwned!"	A term that does not promote good sportsmanship and can escalate competitive moments in a negative way.	Any game.
Skins	Term used to describe new avatar customizations that players can buy or collect.	Does not have a positive or negative impact but is a term that is unique to the appearance of gaming characters.	Any game.

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Squeaker	Insult typically used to describe younger gamers (because their voices aren't deep. Note: This is generally used to make fun of male players, but there are — of course — plenty of other types of players with a range of different voices.	A term to belittle gamers and is a form of bullying.	Any game or platform.
Sweat	Term that describes a try-hard gamer, i.e., someone who goes out of their way to win in an over-the-top, unnecessary way.	A term that can negatively target gamers and or judge the style of play of an individual.	Any game.
Wrecked	Defeated. This is often used in the expressed "get wrekd."	A term that does not promote good sportsmanship and can escalate competitive moments in a negative way.	Any game.