



Robertson County Schools

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Dear Robertson County Families,

We are committed to providing a safe and informed learning environment for all students. As part of this commitment, Robertson County Schools will be introducing **teen social media and internet safety instruction** in our curriculum for grades 6-12.

Purpose and Reasoning

The Tennessee General Assembly passed legislation requiring instruction of teen social media and internet safety in schools, outlined in Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-4601-4605. Each year schools must provide students with age-appropriate instruction on social media and internet safety. The goal of this program is to educate students on the importance of responsible and safe online media and internet use.

How It Will Be Taught

The law requires schools to:

Teach students:

- a. Time management and healthy behaviors on social media
- b. Negative effects of social media on mental health, including addiction to social media
- c. Distribution of information on social media – privacy, security, and personal information
- d. How social media manipulates behavior
- e. Permanency of sharing materials online
- f. Safe use of social media
- g. Evaluating information and understanding AI-generated misinformation

When It Will Occur

Teen Social Media and Internet Safety instruction will take place during the upcoming school term. Specific dates and times will be communicated by your child's school in the coming weeks.

We encourage parents and guardians to reach out to your school with any questions or concerns about this program. Your partnership is essential in reinforcing these safety principles at home. More information can be found at:

https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/education/health-&_safety/Teen_Social_Media_Internet_Safety_Guidance.pdf

Thank you for supporting our efforts to keep every student safe and informed.

Sincerely,

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