

Social Media - Twitter, Snapchat, Instagram, DM, etc. It's how you communicate. Communication is important. It's one of the 4 C's - with Collaboration, Creativity and Critical Thinking - identified as 21st Century Skills.

We carry our personal devices with us every day here at ALHS. Our wireless phones have become powerful tech tools, allowing us to store info, listen to audio, capture and view images/video, and play games. They are, quite frankly, personal computers. Educators and schools recognize this, and accept their responsible use during the school day. We also know that these devices can be a HUGE distraction from our focus on learning, and provide the potential for inappropriate use and behavior.

This update is to remind students, parents and our community of the expectation, for all of us, for the appropriate and acceptable use of technology in our wi-fi, digital society. The ALCSD has a policy (EDE- E) outlining acceptable use. ALHS has guidelines in our Code of Conduct outlining the responsibility for violations of this policy.

While these devices enhance many aspects of our daily lives, they also provide the opportunity for poor choices and potential consequences.

Our most frequent violations include texts/messages, photos and video that are mean, profane and inappropriate, directed at another person. Most are peer-to-peer, but also have been directed at staff, siblings, parents and others.

The schools investigate all information about inappropriate use of technology, particularly social media reports. Whether posted during the school day, or after school, any posts that affect schools, students or staff in any way, regardless of intent, can result in responsibility/consequences.

Bottom line, don't post anything that can be interpreted as inappropriate in any way. Don't photograph/video or post about anyone without their permission.

We want you to use tech resources to improve your learning for the future.

Don't risk it!

GBED!

Peace

Joseph J. Mueller, Principal Avon Lake High School

Think Spring

Go Shoremen & Shoregals!