

# PARENTAL ADVICE FOR CHILDREN

## Internet Safety

- Internet connected computers should always be located in a visible, open area
- Do not permit children to have Internet connected computers in their bedrooms
- Remind children to never give anyone their school computer password
- Children should never give out personal information when on line (this includes E-mail, chat rooms, blogging, instant messaging, or on personal Web pages:
  - Do not post names, addresses, phone numbers, cell phone numbers
  - Do not post school names and locations, school schedules, or work schedules of family members or themselves
- Remind children of the possibility of on-line predators; do not talk to strangers on line. *(Reminder: cyber crime is committed by people of all ages, all medians of life, all races, and all cultures. Also, one in every 5 youths ages 10-17 have been sexually solicited on line.)*
- Children should not permit anyone to take their picture using web cameras, phone cameras, or digital cameras for the purpose of posting a picture on line. *(Once a picture is posted on line—it is there forever!)*
- If your child becomes a victim of cyber harassment--
  1. Keep everything and make records of dates, times, and messages
  2. Do not permit children to open, forward or respond to a cyber bully's message
  3. Have your child report any bullying to a trusted adult and the proper authorities
  4. If your child is threatened with harm, call the police and take the threat seriously.

The following Web site can be used to report on-line abuse:

- <http://www.haltabuse.org>

The following Web sites are helpful for Parents and Children to promote Cyber Safety:

- <http://www.wiredsafety.org>
- <http://www.bullyonline.org>
- <http://www.netbullies.com>
- <http://www.powertolearn.com>
- <http://www.kids.getnetwise.org>
- <http://www.cyberbullying.us>
- <http://www.protectkids.com>

## CELL PHONE SAFETY

- Do not post your cell phone number online; cell phone numbers should only be given to relatives or close friends
- Do not respond to text messages from someone you do not know
- Never let a stranger or someone you don't know well use your cell phone
- Parental reminder—it is against school policy for students to use cell phones during the school day.

**Violators of the West New York Public Schools Technology Acceptable Use Policy will be subject to the following:**

1. The first violation of the Acceptable Use Policy will result in written notification to the parent(s)/guardian(s), and it may also result in further access restrictions and/or other disciplinary action.
2. Subsequent violations will result in technology access restrictions and/or school suspensions.