

FOR FAMILIES · GRADES 6-8

Private by design: a family privacy check-up

Today your student practiced finding privacy leaks in a made-up student's profile, such as a house number in a photo, a weekly schedule in a post and location sharing turned on for everyone. They also learned to ask before posting or forwarding photos of other people. Please spend 10 minutes doing the check-up together.



WHAT YOUR CHILD LEARNED AT SCHOOL



You get to decide what your profile shares about you, and other people get to decide what you share about them.



Try this at home

- 1 Sit together and open the settings of one app your student uses. Check three things: who can see posts, who can send messages and whether location sharing is on. Decide together what to change.
- 2 Look at the last five photos your student posted or sent. Play 'detective' together: could a stranger find your street, school or schedule from the background?
- 3 Agree on a family rule for photos of other people, including family members: ask before posting, and take it down if someone asks.
- 4 Use the 'My privacy check-up' worksheet your student brought home and sign it together.



Conversation starters

- Which privacy setting do you think matters most for kids your age, and why?
- Has anyone ever posted a photo of you that you did not like? What would you want them to do?
- Who can see your location right now? Are you comfortable with that list?
- If a screenshot of your chat got passed around, who would you tell first?



Household tip

Turn off location tagging in the phone's camera settings, and set location sharing to off or to a short list of people you choose. Recheck after every phone or app update.



Watch the free 2-minute lesson together
k12cyberforward.com/learn/student-identity-location

Questions? Contact your child's teacher or school office: