

## Internet Resources from the MCDS Tech Department

Facebook, YouTube, Google, Myspace and other social networking accounts **require a minimum age of 13**. This is in compliance with the Federal Trade Commission's COPPA (Children's Online Privacy Protection Act) policy. It is very important that adults review the privacy settings and Terms of Service agreements before providing minors with access to these tools. Be aware that privacy settings sometimes can change unbeknownst to the end user, so it is also important to keep checking the settings periodically. Please also know that there is no one checking if your child is not truthful about his or her age as he/she registers for one of these tools online.

### General Resources:

- Common Sense Media Articles on Internet Safety:  
<http://www.commonsensemedia.org/internet-safety>
- CSM Family Media Agreement - Grades 6-8  
<<http://www.commonsensemedia.org/sites/default/files/pdf/Common%20Sense%20Family%20Media%20Agreement%206-8.pdf>
- Federal Trade Commission's COPPA (Children's Online Privacy Protection Act) policy:  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Children%27s\\_Online\\_Privacy\\_Protection\\_Act](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Children%27s_Online_Privacy_Protection_Act)

### Privacy Settings:

- Facebook Privacy: <http://www.facebook.com/help/?page=826#!/help/?page=419>
- Facebook Security: <http://www.facebook.com/help/?page=826#!/help/?page=420>
- Skype Privacy: <http://www.skype.com/intl/en-us/security/safety/staying-safe/>
- Google Account Privacy & Security:  
<http://www.google.com/support/accounts/bin/topic.py?hl=en&topic=14146>
- Google Family Safety Center: <http://www.google.com/familysafety/>
- YouTube Safety Center:  
<http://www.google.com/support/youtube/bin/answer.py?answer=126289>

### Computer Filtering Software & Parental Controls:

- Filtering and Blocking Software:  
<http://www.commonsensemedia.org/sites/default/files/pdf/Common%20Sense%20Tip%20Sheet%20Internet%20Filters.pdf>
- Search for filtering and blocking software: <http://kids.getnetwise.org/tools/>
- On a Mac: <http://www.apple.com/findouthow/mac/#parentalcontrols>
- On an iPhone : <http://www.commonsensemedia.org/how-set-parental-controls-iphone>
- On a Nintendo DS <<http://www.commonsensemedia.org/how-set-parental-controls-nintendo-dsi>
- On a Wii <<http://www.commonsensemedia.org/tech-tip-setting-wiis-parental-controls>
- On Comcast <<http://www.comcast.com/Corporate/Customers/ParentalControls.html/>
- On DirecTV <<http://www.directv.com/DTVAPP/global/article.jsp?assetId=P5980021>
- Google Safesearch <<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mJ074lO47HQ>