

# Digital Citizenship in Tangi

## Using Technology Appropriately

### Parent Newsletter

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#### Tips to keep your child safe online

- Keep any computer in a public area; do not let your child keep his/her computer in the bedroom.
- Learn how to read the computer screen including minimized programs and online chat services.
- Help your child to create a screen name that is gender neutral and does not mention your child's age or level of education.
- Make sure your child deletes all profiles that he/she may have online that could reveal age, location, school, etc...
- Get your own account for FaceBook or any other program your child uses that requires signing on for certain privileges.
- And most important! Learn about your computer! The more you know the less your child can keep hidden from you. It's OK to look around the web and see what's out there. It's OK to open the files on your computer to see what your child is doing.
- What is more important? Your child's "right to privacy" or your child's safety?

## Keeping Our Students Safe Online

"All TPSS schools, grades K-12th, will implement an Acceptable Use Campaign to educate employees, students, and parents on the safe use of Internet communication tools."

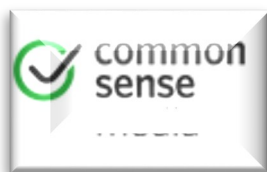
*Mark Kolwe, TPSS Superintendent*

### Acceptable Use Policy

One tool that your school uses to keep your child safe online is an AUP. An AUP includes a set of rules for computer and Internet usage. It usually tells what will happen if you DON'T follow the rules too. Your school sends home the AUP so you and your child can read it together and go over it.

**TPSS Acceptable Use Policy (AUP)** can be found online by clicking on the link below:

[www.tangischools.org/domain/96](http://www.tangischools.org/domain/96)



**Common Sense Media** improves the lives of kids and families by providing independent reviews, age ratings, & other information about all types of media.

<https://www.common sense media.org/>



**Edutopia** offers parents and educators a collection of articles, videos on internet safety, cyberbullying, digital responsibility, and media and digital literacy.

[www.edutopia.org/article/digital-citizenship-resource-roundup](http://www.edutopia.org/article/digital-citizenship-resource-roundup)



**iKeepSafe** provides families with all the tools, education, and resources they need to stay safe online and to implement an Internet safety strategy in their homes.

<http://www.ikeep safe.org/parents/>

### Digital Citizenship in Tangi - Lessons & Resources for the Classroom

Teachers will use digital citizenship lessons and resources throughout the school year to promote safety online. Some of the topics that will be covered are Internet Safety, Privacy & Security, Cyberbullying, Information Literacy, Credit & Copyright, Online Relationships, Communications, Digital Footprint, and Self-image.



Check out our website for more Internet Safety resources and activities.

<http://www.tangischools.org/Page/5404>

