Frequently Used Apps

- Facebook - profile, pictures, status updates - Location updates
- Instagram - pictures
- Vine - 6 second repeating videos
- Twitter - 140 characters or less
- Swipe - Instagram/Snapchat hybrid
- Tumblr - pictures, online journal
- Google+ - Facebook alternative
- Etsy - home made/craft shopping
- Snapchat - send a picture with writing on it, disappears within a specified time frame

Chatting Apps

- Kik Messenger - alternative to texting
- WhatsApp - alternative to texting
- Facebook Messenger - alternative to texting
- Google Chat (G-Chat) - alternative to texting through your Gmail account
- Skype - Video calling and messaging
- FaceTime - Video calling
- Oovoo - Video chat with up to 12 friends at once
- Secret - Chat & tell your secrets anonymously with other app users
- Keek - Video sharing app
- Voxer - Walkie talkie type talk rather than text app

Other Apps

- Ask.FM - anonymous question & answer board
- Formspring - anonymous question & answer
- YikYak - anonymous posting based on location
- StreetChat - the same as YikYak but you can also post pictures
- Twitter - 140 characters or less, follow famous people
- Flipboard - combines all your social media into one newsfeed
- 4Chan - post images on bulletin board - anonymous, can be hostile.
- Omegle - encourages users to talk to strangers
- Reddit - boys - vote up or down on user submitted content
- Pheed - share content 420 characters or less. Live streaming
- Wanelo - Want, need, love - Instagram meetings shopping - tag products they want - girls mostly
- Tinder - hot or not - hook up app (high school/college)
- Pinterest - online cork board
Acronyms & Hashtags

- LOL - Laugh out Loud
- LMAO - Laughing My A** Off
- CTFU - Cracking the F*** Up
- ROFL - Rolling on Floor Laughing
- SMH - Shaking My Head
- TTYL - Talk to you later
- BRB - Be Right Back
- GTG/G2G - Got to Go
- FML - F*** My Life
- Kk - Less harsh version of Ok
- TBH - To Be Honest
- 143 - I love you
- ILY - I love you
- BTW - By The Way
- TBT - Throw Back Thursday
- FBF - Flash Back Friday
- WCW - Woman Crush Wednesday
- MCM - Man Crush Monday
- OOTD - Outfit of the Day
- OOTW - Outfit of the Month
- GNOC - Get Naked on Camera/Computer
- GYPO - Get Your Pants Off
- FYEO - For Your Eyes Only
- FWB - Friends with Benefits
- THOT - That hoe over there
- (L)MIRL - Let’s meet in real life
- 1174 - Party meeting place
- POS - Parent Over Shoulder or – Piece of S***
- PIR - Parent in Room
- 9 - Parent Watching
- 99 - Parent Gone
- CD9 - Parents around/ Code 9
- KPC - Keeping Parents Clueless
- BAE - Before All Else
- OTP - One True Pairing
- Ship - Relationship
- YOLO - You Only Live Once
- FTW/FTL - For the Win/Loss

Tips

- Check in on your student when they are using the computer.
- Have all of their profiles set to private, and you should have all their passwords.
- If the computer is in their room, the door should not be shut.
- At bedtime, all electronics should be removed from the student’s room and put in yours for charging.
- Beware of using social network to post news of expensive purchases, holiday plans or vacation. Predators are great at intercepting this information and the info you post may lead to identify theft or home invasions, to name a few.

Eye strain or headaches when using the computer?

Try the 20-20-20 rule:

Every 20 minutes look away from the screen for 20 seconds at something 20 feet away