

Social Media Sites and APPs

Do you know what sites your kids are using?

INSTAGRAM – (www.instagram.com) -a place where you can post pictures or 15 second videos that people can comment on or like. **There are “Tips for Parents” if you go to the website, click on Support and then Frequently Asked Questions.**

VINE – (www.vine.co) - a video site that is an APP based product which you can create and upload 7 second videos. It works best as an APP, but you can view the videos on laptops/desktops.

SNAPCHAT –(www.snapchat.com) is a photo messaging APP. The idea of this APP is that images and videos auto- delete or “disappear” within 1-10seconds. The amount of time is set by the sender. If someone is quick enough, they can “screenshot” the images/videos and save them. **If you would like to access the parent guide, go to the website, click on Support and then Abuse and Safety. Teens don’t always realize that the images they send can be stored by others***

FACEBOOK – (www.facebook.com) – is an online social networking site. You create a profile and then can add friends, update statuses, exchange messages and pictures and join common interest groups.

TWITTER – (www.twitter.com) – social networking and blogging site. You can send and receive “tweets” using 140 characters or less.

ASKFM – (ask.fm) is a social networking site where you ask other users questions with the option of anonymity. It is considered a status thing and if you don’t answer the questions you’re considered “uncool”. **Parents be aware if your kids are accessing this site. The anonymity in some cases leads users to feel free to ask or make mean or unwanted questions/comments. There is a place on this site to report misuse.**

TUMBLR-(www.tumblr.com) is a blog-type site where people post pictures and comments based on current events, celebrities, and the entertainment world.

REDDIT - (www.reddit.com)- is a social news and entertainment website. Registered users can submit content with a text or link. Others vote “up” or “down” which ranks the posts.

PHEED - (www.pheed.com) is one of the newest social media sites. A user can post photos, text, videos and audio files.