ED TECH FAQS

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF CHROMEBOOKS AT SCHOOL?

Effective educational technology usage has seen an increase in:
- Student engagement
- Peer collaboration
- Creativity
- Individualized learning
- Future readiness
- Critical thinking.

HOW ARE STUDENTS USING THE DEVICES AT SCHOOL?

Devices are used in various ways throughout the building such as:
- Video-chatting with experts
- Simulations
- Video projects
- Coding
- Analyzing online resources
- Research

IS MY CHILD STARING AT A SCREEN ALL DAY LONG?

Of course not! Just like at home, balance is important with technology. Students are still engaging in many unplugged activities at SRS.
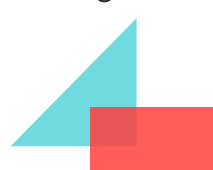
HOW MUCH SCREEN TIME IS TOO MUCH?

The recommendation of the Mayo Clinic is no more than two hours of recreational screen time outside the school day.

WHAT SHOULD MY CHILD BE DOING ON THEIR CHROMEBOOK AT HOME?

Chromebooks should be for educational purposes only. Chromebooks should not be used for personal use even outside of school.

AT HOME MY CHILD IS ON THE CHROMEBOOK FOR HOURS. ARE THEY WORKING ON HOMEWORK?

The best way to ensure students are using their devices for educational purposes is to monitor them. Set up a homework station where you can see the device, and if it doesn't look like homework it probably isn't. If you have concerns about your student's use of their device at home, chat with your child's teacher about assigned homework.
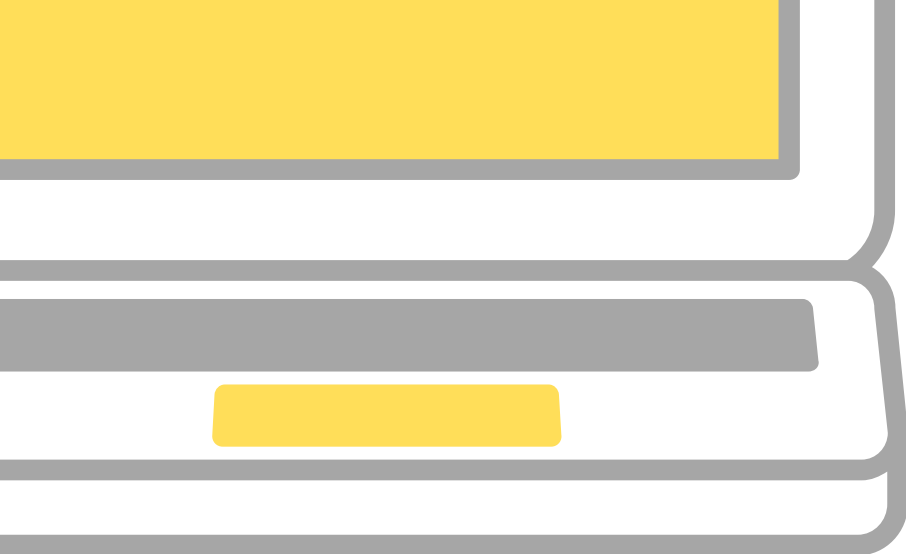
KEEPING YOUR CHILD SAFE ONLINE

FOLLOW THEM ON SOCIAL MEDIA

SET ALL OF THEIR ACCOUNTS TO PRIVATE/RESTRICTED

SET UP A DEVICE AREA IN YOUR HOME WHERE YOU CAN MONITOR THEIR USAGE

SET UP SCREEN TIME MONITORS FOR THEIR DEVICES

READ THE PRIVACY POLICIES OF THE APPS THEY USE

SET PARENTAL CONTROLS ON THEIR DEVICES

TALK TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT WHAT IS AND ISN'T OKAY TO DO ONLINE

TikTok - Real Short Videos

App review by Patricia Montic..., Common Sense Media

WHAT'S IT ABOUT?

Social media app built around creating, sharing, & viewing user created music videos.

WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW

- Intended for users 13+
- Can livestream (create live videos) within the app
- Explicit lyrics & mature content can be found on the app
- Parents can set time limits & turn on restricted mode to help filter out inappropriate content
- Videos can be set to private or public. Public allows anyone with the app to view the video.
- Videos created or posted in Tiktok are the property of the app and can be shared by the company
- The app collects location as well as information contained in the messages sent in Tiktok

Information from Common Sense Media & Tiktok Privacy Policy

PUTTING TIKTOK ON PRIVATE
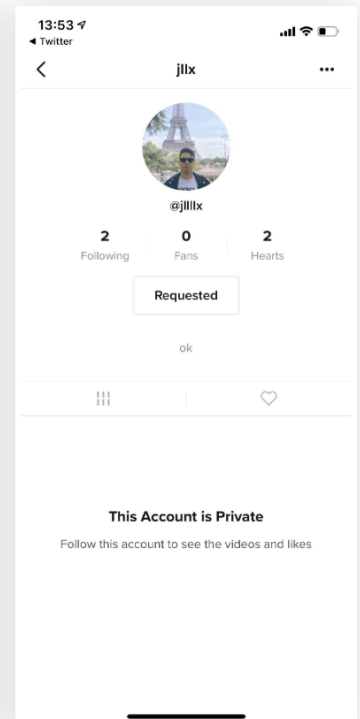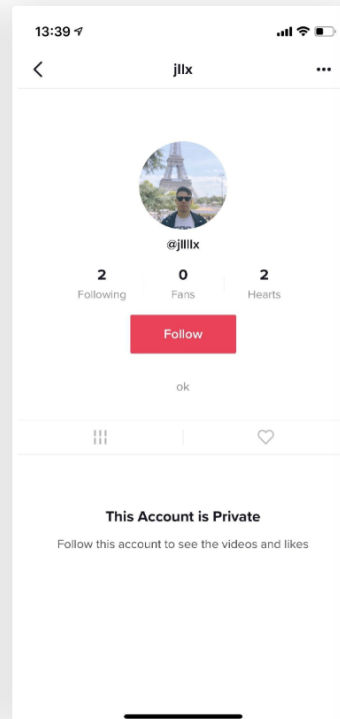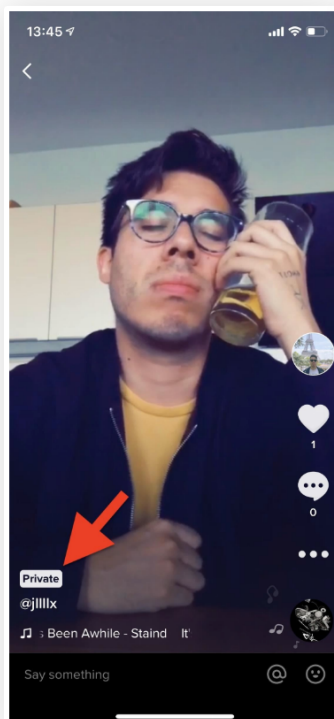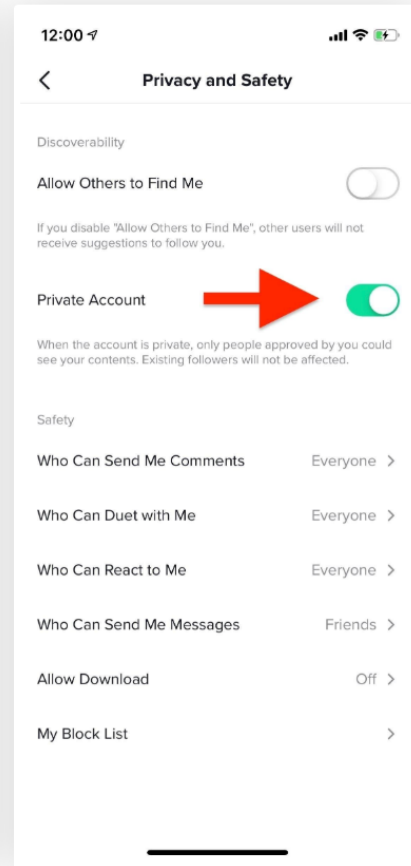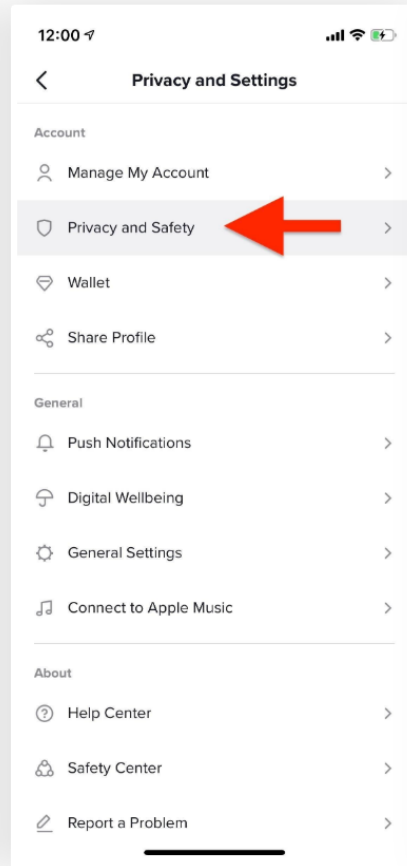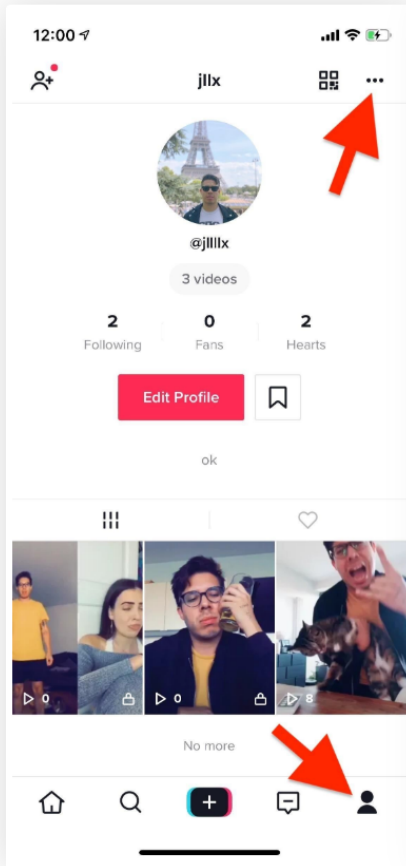
Snapchat

App review by Chris Morris, Common Sense Media

Common Sense says

✓ age 16+ ★★★☆☆ ⓘ

Send moments in photos, watch curated content; use wisely.

iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad, Android │ Free │ Photo & Video

WHAT'S IT ABOUT?

Social media app built around photo-messaging. This app allows the user to put a time limit on the content they send.

A LOT OR A LITTLE?
The parents' guide to what's in this app.

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WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW

- Intended for users 13+
- Can collect birthday, email address, & contacts
- Share information to business partners such as advertisers
- Can collect & share location within the app
- Collects images & other information from the device's camera roll and photos
- May share information with other snapchatters, business partners, and general public
- Users can flag inappropriate content on the device
- Snaps never really disappear. Friends can screenshot images from snapchat.

Information from Common Sense Media & Snapchat Privacy Policy

Instagram

App review by Liz Panarelli, Common Sense Media

Common Sense says

✓ age 15+ ★★★★☆ ⓘ

Great app makes sharing pretty, private photos all too easy.

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WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW

- Intended for users 13+
- Collects email, location, content you post, private messages, and more
- Stores content even after account is deleted
- Shares information with affiliates & third parties
- All images posted are viewable on the web unless put on private

Information from Common Sense Media & Instagram Privacy Policy

PUTTING YOUR INSTAGRAM ON PRIVATE

Set your account to private from the Instagram app on your Android or iOS device

1. Go to your profile, then tap ≡.

2. Tap ⚙ **Settings**.

3. Tap **Privacy** > **Account Privacy**.

4. Tap next to **Private Account** to make your account private.

Set your account to private on your computer or mobile browser

1. Go to instagram.com on your computer or mobile browser.

2. Click 👤, then click ⚙.

3. Click **Privacy and Security**.

4. Below **Account Privacy**, click to check the box next to **Private Account**.