

Cyber and Video Safety Suggestions

Please monitor your child's online activities, the games your child plays on their electronic devices, and the shows and movies they may be viewing. Be aware that there are predators who play and monitor some of the online activities that your child may be engaging in. Have discussions with your child regarding on line safety and knowing whom they are playing with. Be warm and accepting of their conversations with you as they may be frightened sharing with you. Be aware of the movies and programs your child may be watching regardless of their age and maturity level. Often a child needs clarification and assistance processing the programming that they are watching. Take advantage of the opportunities to discuss material with your child and to touch base regarding their beliefs and opinions. Watch for any changes in their behavior and ask questions daily about their activities. Make them aware of the dangers posed by some games, shows and activities. There are a few resources regarding Internet Safety on the Guidance and Counseling Department Website:

<http://www.conroeisd.net/department/guidance-counseling/>

As you monitor and discuss your child's online activities, please take time to visit with your child about social networking. Most children today are using social media sites such as Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Vine or Twitter to name just a few, please discuss with your child what is appropriate and what is not appropriate to post on these sites about themselves and others. Please encourage your child to let you know if they are exposed to strangers who are trying to play games with them or engage them in conversations. There are rising occurrences of hidden messages in many you tube videos, take the time to watch the videos with your child.

Please reinforce the importance of reporting any suspected dangers to the appropriate authorities. Individuals may make reports to CISD's KidChat hotline at 1-888-KidChat (543-2428) or the Anonymus Alerts App.

We care about each and every student. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your campus counselor, administrator or the district Guidance and Counseling Office at 936-709-7846. Thank you for working with us to keep a safe environment for our students and our community.