

## **Steps to Deal With Social Media**

1. Develop a clear policy with a focus on the educationally valuable use of the Internet. Effective policies are supported by curriculum and professional development. Teachers should be expected to have students use the Internet only for high-quality, well-planned instructional activities.
2. Implement a comprehensive program to educate students and their families about online safety and responsible use.
3. Develop a plan to monitor Internet use at school.
4. Have appropriate consequences for inappropriate use of the Internet or social networking sites. Include administrators, school counselors, school psychologists, and school resource officers in developing and monitoring the plan.
5. Engage families in monitoring Internet use. Since most use occurs outside of school hours, it is critical that parents understand the importance of monitoring their children's online activities and how they should respond when inappropriate use takes place.