



Safe Surf: A Workshop on Internet Safety

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**346 6th graders at Pollard completed a survey regarding their Internet use.
The following is a compilation of the results.**

1. Select the average number of hours you spend online everyday (on a scale from 0 - 5+ hours) in each of the following areas:

	Grade Average (346 students)	Females (173 students)	Males (173 students)
Homework	1 hour 15 minutes	1 hour 20 minutes	1 hour 10 minutes
Myspace/Facebook	33 minutes	30 minutes	36 minutes
Instant messaging	1 hour 9 minutes	1 hour	1 hour 18 minutes
Web surfing	1 hour 18 minutes	1 hour 27 minutes	1 hour 8 minutes
E-mailing	1 hour 20 minutes	1 hour 15 minutes	46 minutes
Games	1 hour 34 minute	1 hour 22 minutes	1 hour 47minutes
*Other _____	43 minutes	29 minutes	56 minutes
*Numbers based on students that reported spending at least some time doing the activity		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youtube.com • Making videos • Music/iTunes • Shopping online • Texting • Pictogame • Chatzy • School Website • Reading, writing • Addicting games 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youtube.com • Pix searching • Music/iTunes • Reading • Addicting games • Sports websites • Texting • Videochat • Chatboxes

2. Can you tell your parents all the websites you visit?

	Grade Average <i>(346 students)</i>	Females <i>(173 students)</i>	Males <i>(173 students)</i>
YES	69%	75%	64%
NO	31%	25%	36%

3. Do your parents monitor your Internet use?

	Grade Average <i>(346 students)</i>	Females <i>(173 students)</i>	Males <i>(173 students)</i>
YES	17%	20%	14%
NO	18%	18%	18%
I DON'T KNOW	65%	62%	68%

4. Do you know someone who has been bullied or harassed online?

	Grade Average <i>(346 students)</i>	Females <i>(173 students)</i>	Males <i>(173 students)</i>
YES	35%	43%	28%
NO	65%	57%	72%

5. a. If you text message, how many texts do you send a DAY?

	Grade Average <i>(226 out of 346 students)</i>	Females <i>(130 out of 173 students)</i>	Males <i>(96 out of 173 students)</i>
*Average Number of Texts	23 Messages	24 Messages	22 Messages

*Numbers based on students that send at least one text message a week

5. b. If you text message, how many texts do you send a WEEK?

	Grade Average <i>(226 out of 346 students)</i>	Females <i>(130 out of 173 students)</i>	Males <i>(96 out of 173 students)</i>
*Average Number of Texts	129 Messages	151 Messages	106 Messages

*Numbers based on students that send at least one text message a week

6. Have you or someone you know ever done anything or “said” anything online that you/they wouldn’t say in person?

	Grade Average <i>(346 students)</i>	Females <i>(173 students)</i>	Males <i>(173 students)</i>
YES	21%	25%	17%
If YES, what was it? _____		“You’re a fat pig” “I lied about my age” “ Insulted a friend” “I swore” “I yelled at someone” “That I was a jerk and mean” “I don’t want to be your friend anymore” “It’s private” “I fought with a friend” “That I couldn’t do something with them” “She’s being so mean” “Can we just be friends?” “I was in a fight with someone” “”Who is this?” “Breaking up with someone” “Talk bad about a person” “Told someone’s address”	“I lied about my age” “I love you” “They weren’t friends anymore” “I met a person on line” “Shut the F@#% up” “That I hated someone” “A lot of swear words” “I’m not telling” “ A dirty word” “A joke but they don’t know” “You’re so stupid” “Swore” “Been mean, been bolder” “I hate you guys”
NO	79%	72%	85%

7. What is something that you know goes on (regarding the Internet) that your parents probably have no idea about?

Females	Males
<p>“My Facebook” “Having fights on line” “I use AIM” “The cursing I do on line” “I shop on line” “I go on Youtube” “Swearing” “Other people talk online” “Inappropriate websites” “Cant’ say” “Pretending to be someone else” “I know how to build up a forum account” “I play pirates on line” “Talking behind someone’s back” “Bad rumors” “Dissing, gossiping and breaking up” “Communicating with people I don’t know” “I forward messages” “Harassment” “That people share pics with each other” “Who asks who out” “Friends fighting on IM” “Sometimes I google “bigfoot”” “Websites that you can rate teachers” “That my friends have gmail accounts” “All the people that I have on my chat list” “Scary texts” “Game Sites” “Inappropriate things on Facebook” “People can illegally get other people’s personal information” “People asking me if they like me” “Hotmail” “IM” “How much I text” “Bad videos on Youtube” “That me and my friends are on Youtube videos” “Making websites”</p>	<p>“I have a Youtube account” “I chat everyday” “Most websites want my email account to sign up” “I do shoot games” “That I have a better idea about the internet than they do” “Chain texts” “How much time a person gets bullied online” “That kids text inappropriate things” “Addicting games” “I sometimes play games” “My sister is on Facebook when she’s suppose to do homework” “Stuff” “I go on meez.com” “I don’t know” “Who you talk to” “The people you meet” “How to delete the history sites and websearches” “That kids start and end relationships” “That people can find out your ID” “Kids say swears and are mean to other people” “Social business” “That IM people” “Strangers trying to find out your ID” “What people say on Facebook” “That kids make sites to dis teachers” “Chain emails” “Chat talk” “Profiles on IM” “AIM” “Videos have swears” “Game websites”</p>

8. Name a website you go to often. (please do not include search engines like Yahoo or Google)

Females	Males
Youtube.com Addictinggames.com AIM Miniclip.com Pollard.k12.com Gmail.com iTunes.com Myspace.com Hotmail.com Clubpenguin.com Aintoday.com Facebook.com Girlsgogames.com Googlegames.com Clothes sites Girlssense.com Neopets.com Pony.com Nexon.com Farmbycampers.com Runescape.com Meebo.com Dressupgames.com Gamesloth.com Horseland.com Invisionfree.com Smallworlds.com Animalinformation.com Espn.com Cratzy.com Blingee.com Seventeen.com Poptropica.com Phonezoo.com Assabetgirls.com	Addictinggames.com Youtube.com Pollard.k12.com Runescape.com Myspace.com Miniclip.com Google.com iTunes.com Meebo.com Hotmail.com Amazon.com Wikipedia.com Espn.com Notdoppler.com Nitrome.com Yoyogames.com Craigslist.com Funorb.com Hulu.com Gamegecko.com Hedgehogcentral.com Pictogames.com Wizard101.com Bruins.com NHL.com Newgrounds.com Flashgames.com Pollarditunes.com Miniclip.com Elouai.com Armorgames.com V8.com Freeonlinegames.com

FYI: The following are the percentages of students that reported visiting youtube.com or addictinggames.com (by far and away the most frequently sited websites)

	Grade Average (346 students)	Females (173 students)	Males (173 students)
Youtube.com	28%	27%	28%
Addictinggames.com	13%	10%	15%

9. Something I learned about the Internet today was:

“Never say anything nasty”
“It can be good and bad”
“Just don’t say anything on line that you wouldn’t say in person”
“Be careful”
“You can get into trouble”
“You can be harassed on line”
“Don’t harass someone”
“That not all people are nice”
“You can’t legally IM until you are 13”
“It is not as dangerous as you mom thinks”
“I know what to do if I get harassed”
“Nothing can be erased”
“People lie”
“What people really do on Myspace”
“A picture on line may not ever come off”
“Someone can track you down”
“That parents can get your history after it has been deleted”
“Nothing”
“It can be dangerous”
“Capital letters mean yelling”
“Don’t give my name out”
“Don’t put anything personal on line”
“Make sure you don’t tell too much information on line”
“It can’t be too safe”
“Think before you send things”
“You can block people”
“Once you press send you can’t take it back”
“That people can get hacked”
“It can be good”
“That many people say things through text and not face to face”
“People get bullied on line”
“If someone is harassing you on line you probably know them”
“I lied on IM”
“You might think your parents are nosey but they are just trying to protect you”
“If a person says something scary then tell your parents”
“It taught me things to keep me safe”
“That other people can see things about you and you don’t know it”
“Log off if you feel uncomfortable”
“How unsafe Myspace and Facebook is”
“You don’t have to respond to everything”
“Do not reply to weird mean messages”
“Do not pretend to be someone else on line”
“Don’t tell your password”
“What caps means”
“It is illegal when people send you threats”

10. Something I liked about this workshop was:

- “When we got to throw paper balls at the board”
- “The agree/disagree discussion”
- “Everything”
- “I learned how to be safe on the internet”
- “It was fun”
- “It taught me to be careful who I am talking to”
- “It was interesting”
- “It wasn’t extremely boring”
- “It taught me how to deal with someone who is stalking me from the computer or from a phone”
- “It was friendly”
- “Getting Frisbees”
- “Listening to others”
- “It taught me a lot”
- “It was good to get my feelings out”
- “How they listened”
- “The examples”
- “It was interactive and we got to play games”
- “I can trust these people”
- “It taught me to watch out what I do on line”
- “The real life stories”
- “I learned more about text messaging”
- “I learned to be careful who you are talking to”

11. It would be helpful if this workshop included:

- “More activities”
- “More about Facebook and Myspace”
- “More real life stories”
- “How to prevent bullying”
- “More time so we can learn more”
- “The workshop was good and didn’t need to include anything else”
- “More examples”
- “How IM works”
- “More on IM safety”
- “A video”
- “More on how to avoid a predator”
- “Good verses bad websites”
- “Actual dangerous sites”
- “Something about posting hateful things on line”
- “Hands-on activities”
- “How not to send mean messages”