

Great Lakes Academy Social Media Rules and Guidelines

Social media and electronic communications are an important part of our lives. They allow us to keep in touch, to learn, to share, and to express ourselves. With these benefits comes great responsibility. Social media and electronic communications have the potential to hurt people, to hurt Great Lakes Academy, and to hurt you.

For purposes of administering and enforcing this policy, "social media" is defined to include all communications made using electronic technology such as: Web logs (blogs), wikis, online forums, virtual worlds, podcasts, message boards, social bookmarking websites, social networking websites (e.g., Myspace, Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn) and content sharing websites (Flickr, YouTube). This policy applies to all forms of social media whether or not a particular social media site is specifically listed or referenced in this policy.

Everything that you post and everything that is posted about you will remain extant. In other words, be mindful of what you post, because it never goes away no matter how many times you try to delete it.

There is no such thing as "anonymous" on the internet. Not only do social media and electronic communications last forever, they will always be traced back to the author.

The District prohibits students' use of social media in ways that violate Board Policy, Administrative Regulations, or the Student Code of Conduct, or **that cause a substantial disruption of or material interference with school activities.**

As a Great Lake Academy Student, You Must Follow These Rules:

1. No Cyberbullying. "Cyberbullying" is defined in the Academy's anti-bullying policy as electronically transmitted communications. Bullying, including cyberbullying, will not be tolerated at Great Lakes Academy.
2. All Great Lakes Policies apply online.
3. Do not post, email, or text during class except when required by the teacher via school approved sites.
4. Do not take pictures or videos of anyone without their knowledge and consent.
5. Do not post, email, or text content that is false, defamatory, or harassing.
6. Do not post, email, or text content that is inappropriate.
7. Do not contact Great Lakes Academy staff or anyone who works at a sponsoring business (with the exception of GLA approved sites/communications).

You are the face of Great Lakes Academy.

Disregard of any of the 7 rules at school can result in suspension and can lead to expulsion.

A Disregard of the above rules **away** from Great Lakes Academy can result in suspension and can lead to expulsion as social media post that are harmful to others do not always occur in school. In this instance, your conduct matters as much away from school as during school.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date