

Internet Safety

While this topic is not built into the math curriculum, I do hear students talking about the internet and social media frequently. I have not done a formal lesson regarding these topics, but I do spend time interjecting my advice into their conversations. I remind them to be careful of the information they present on their social media pages – what they post on FaceBook and twitter. I remind them that anyone and everyone can find out information and what they post can “be used against them” in their futures. I remind them that future employers scour the internet to find out as much as they can about future employees. I also discuss the fact that once it is out there, it is there forever. No matter how fast you try to delete it, it is there – “around the world in 30 seconds” so to speak.

We also discuss the appropriateness of various websites. I do encourage my students to use YouTube to find helpful and instructional resources on the mathematics topics that we are discussing in class. I remind them to be careful of inappropriate sites. One that I suggest is Khan Academy – there is useful and helpful information for most subject areas.