

FRANK BLACK MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Frank Black Middle School Parents:

I need to inform you of a serious matter that recently came to our attention. We have discovered an inappropriate photo that has been circulating via social media amongst several of our students.

Although we do not believe the photo was taken on campus, we have notified HISD Police due to the nature of the images, and an investigation is underway.

At Black, we always stress the importance of cyber safety. Our counselor is stressing that again this week, reminding students to be mindful of the photos, videos, and comments they share on social media and through text message.

Additionally, we encourage you to talk with your child about their use of text messaging and social media. Here are some tips:

- Ask your child if he/she has an account with Instagram, SnapChat, Vine, Kik, or similar social networking apps. If your child is using these apps with your permission, you may want to review his or her profile to ensure that no personal and identifiable information, photos, and videos have been posted.
- Remind your child that once an image is sent, it can never be retrieved, and that he/she loses control of it. Ask them how they would feel if their parents, teachers, or even the entire school saw the picture.
- Teach students that the buck stops with them. If someone sends them a photo, they should delete it immediately. It is better to be part of the solution than the problem. Remind them that if they do send it on, they're distributing pornography — and that's against the law.

Please be advised that our district blocks the use of some social networking apps and websites from our Wi-Fi network, and we will continue to block objectionable material as we deem appropriate. Students are also not allowed to use cell phones or other personal electronic devices during the school day.

For more information on cyber safety, please visit HoustonISD.org/CyberSafety. If you have any questions, please call our school office at 713-613-2505.

Sincerely,


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