

CYBERBULLYING

Warning-Sign Checklist: Is This Child a Cyberbully?

- He/she minimizes the computer screen when an adult enters the room.
- He/she is always using either the computer or cell phone.
- He/she gets angry when he/she cannot use the computer.
- He/she laughs a lot while using the computer.
- He/she uses the computer a lot with peers.
- He/she refuses to talk about what he/she does while on the computer or cell phone.
- He/she has multiple accounts.
- He/she has been a victim of cyberbullying.
- He/she has a friend who has been cyberbullied.
- He/she has altered someone else's photo.
- He/she wants to use the computer in private.
- He/she text messages frequently.
- He/she refuses to allow an adult to view his/her messages.
- He/she goes to Web sites that rate appearance.
- He/she has had a falling out with friends.

If you have noticed that your student exhibits any of these warning signs, talk to your student about what he/she is doing while online, the consequences of his/her behavior, and appropriate online behavior (netiquette).

*** Some of the warning signs listed above were taken from www.cyberbullying.us/cyberbullying_warning_signs.pdf, 1/9/08.