



Middle School Student Social Media Guidelines for Personal Accounts

These guidelines support our Montessori values of respect, responsibility, and community trust. While students' social media accounts are personal, their online behavior reflects their character and impacts others.

1. Campus Photography & Posting

- **No photos or videos may be taken of students on the Middle School campus at any time**, unless given explicit permission by the MS Director, including:
 - Before school, during the school day, and after school
 - At any time while on the MS campus
- **Cell phones are not permitted to be used on the Middle School campus**, and therefore, no campus content should appear on personal social media accounts.
- This policy protects privacy, safety, and the integrity of our learning environment.

2. Permission and Consent

- **Any student appearing in a photo or video must give clear permission before it is posted.**
- Permission should be:
 - Given directly by the student in the image
 - Respected at all times
 - Revocable — if a student asks for a post to be removed, it must be removed promptly.

3. School Identity and Branding

- Personal accounts may **not**:
 - Use OFMS logos, name, or branding
 - Represent themselves as speaking for OFMS
 - Create content that implies an official school connection
- Students may reference their school respectfully in conversation, but not in ways that suggest official representation.

4. Respectful Digital Citizenship

Students are expected to: Communicate respectfully and kindly.

- The following are **NOT TOLERATED**:
 - Harassment, bullying, teasing, or exclusion
 - Spreading rumors or private information
 - Posting content meant to embarrass, shame, or harm others
- **Remember: Online words and images have real emotional impact.**

5. Privacy and Safety

Students should:

- Protect their own personal information (address, schedules, locations).
- Avoid sharing others' private details.
- Think carefully before posting images, messages, or comments that may last permanently online.

6. Montessori Values Online: Students are encouraged to ask themselves before posting: **“Is this kind, respectful, and true to who I want to be?”**

Our Montessori community values:

- Responsibility
- Empathy
- Integrity
- Thoughtful independence

7. OFMS Response: The school may respond through restorative conversations, family communication, or appropriate disciplinary action aligned with school policy

If social media activity negatively affects:

- Student safety
- Emotional well-being
- School culture