



Topic: Social Media

Key Question:

Is sending unflattering pictures of a classmate via text message wrong?

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Scenario:

Someone took an unflattering picture of another student in the locker-room. Most students find the kid in the picture annoying and rude to others. Most of your friends have had the picture sent to their phones. Some still have it. The parents of this student are demanding action be taken to stop the picture from circulating and for the students responsible to be punished. You have seen the picture and know many of those involved. You know you will be one of those interviewed by the principal as having knowledge and possession of this image.

What should you say?

Discussion questions:

1. Is there a difference between receiving the picture and keeping it to show others on your phone and sending it via text?
2. What if you received the picture and showed it to one other person and then deleted it?
3. What about the kids who received it, deleted it, verbally told others about the photo, but didn't report it?
4. What is a person's responsibility to stop the persecution of others?

Correlated TEKS:

ELPS: 1A, 2H, 3G, 3H, 5F, 5G

ELAR: 25B, 25A, 18C, 23B

CCRS, E/LAS IV Listening A

Health 2E, 5C, 5K, 7A, 7B, 10A, 10B, 10D, 11A, 11B, 11C, 11D, 11F, 12F

Physical Education 7B, 7E

Social Studies (7th grade) 17B, 23A, 23B

Social Studies (8th grade) 20C, 21B