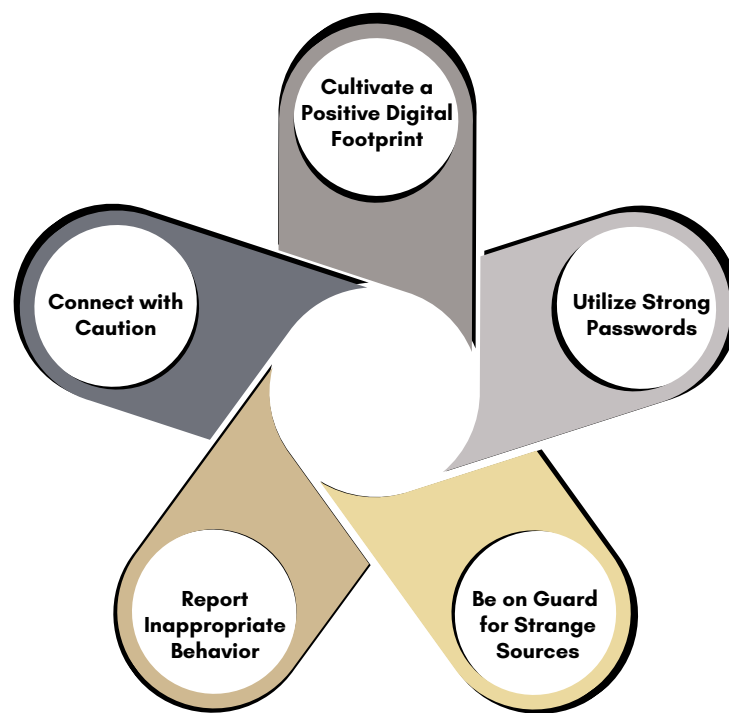# CYBERSECURITY

Keep Students Safe Online

Cyber threats have been increasing more than ever before, and cybersecurity warrants attention for parents, teachers, and students. *Cybersecurity* is is about being safe and secure online and is for everyone. All technology users should adopt basic cybersecurity habits to better protect themselves and others.

Cultivate a Positive Digital Footprint

- Spread positivity - be kind and understanding
- Think twice before posting - once online, it may exist forever
- Protect privacy - avoid posting full names, home addresses, phone numbers, and passwords
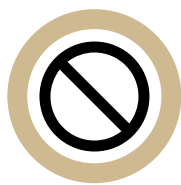
Utilize Strong Passwords

- Avoid personal information in passwords
- Use different passwords for different accounts
- Combine letters, numbers, and characters in each password
- Strong passwords should have at least 8 to 10 characters, but 16 to 20 characters is ideal
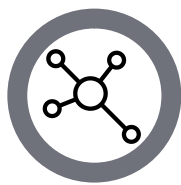
Be on Guard for Strange Sources

- Verify the URL address on the address bar of the web browser before entering any information
- Watch out for emails that demand money, contain strange links, ask for personal information or passwords
- Contact people and organizations to verify certain requests

Report Inappropriate Behavior

- Bullying, threats, and identity/monetary theft should always be reported to the relevant authorities
- Hate speech and harassing behavior should be reported to online moderators and authorities

Connect with Caution

- Don't meet up with Internet strangers in real life
- Never share explicit material and personal pictures with strangers
- Don't reply to requests for confidential data without being absolutely sure they are legitimate

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