

Social Media

IMAGE/MEDIA SITES 1. SMCA will maintain filtering software which blocks user access to inappropriate image sites to the best of its ability (like Google Images and Bing Images). However, it is impossible for SMCA to restrict access to all controversial image sites. **Students who bypass the filter are not following the Acceptable Use Policy guidelines. 2.**

Teachers and students are encouraged to use the *iSeek* search engine as the first resource in looking up information for educational purposes. <http://www.iseek.com/iseek/home.page> 3. Media sites (like You Tube) are restricted for students. 4. Media sites may be accessed by faculty if used for instructional purposes. 5. It is the SMCA student or faculty member (or whomever the user is) that is responsible for any and all content viewed on SMCA technology. 6. Below are a number of websites that may be used at SMCA. These sites are not 100% foolproof, but they are safer than Google images, Bing images, etc. a. www.finditva.com b. <http://www.pics4learning.com/> c. <http://kidsafeimagesearch.com/> d. <http://www.goodsearch.com/> e. <http://www.kidclicks.org/google-safe-search-images.html> f. <http://primaryschoolict.com/> g. <http://www.picsearch.com/> h. <http://www.onekey.com/> i. <http://www.boolify.org/> j. http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Main_Page k.

<http://www.factmonster.com/> l. <http://www.livebinders.com/play/present?id=48147>

MONITORING 1. All messages created, sent, or retrieved over the SMCA Internet or on equipment owned by SMCA are the property of the school and may not be regarded as private information. S.T.U.D.Y.S Ministries Christian Academy reserves the right to access the contents of any messages sent over its facilities at its sole discretion. **2.** All communications, including text and images, created, sent or retrieved over the SMCA Internet or on equipment owned by SMCA can be disclosed to law enforcement or other third parties without prior consent of the sender or the receiver. This means “don’t put anything into your e-mail messages, texts or attachments that you wouldn’t want to see on the front page of the newspaper or be required to explain in a court of law.” **3.** Use of SMCA technological resources by students will be supervised by a teacher, staff member, student teacher, or trained parent volunteer. All efforts will be made to assure that students visit appropriate internet sites (however, it is not possible to guarantee that inappropriate sites will never be accessed by students).

EXTERNAL SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS 1. No member of SMCA Staff nor Board of Directors, to include the CEO of our parent organization STUDYS Ministries or any staff or member MAY NOT request password to privately held social media accounts, external to the school.