

CHAPTER 257

AN ACT concerning social media instruction in public school districts and supplementing chapter 35 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

C.18A:35-4.27 Instruction on responsible use of social media.

1. a. Beginning with the 2014-2015 school year, each school district shall incorporate instruction on the responsible use of social media into the technology education curriculum for students in grades 6 through 8 as part of the district's implementation of the Core Curriculum Content Standards in Technology.

b. The instruction shall provide students with information on:

(1) the purpose and acceptable use of various social media platforms;
(2) social media behavior that ensures cyber safety, cyber security, and cyber ethics; and
(3) potential negative consequences, including cyber bullying, of failing to use various social media platforms responsibly.

c. The Commissioner of Education shall provide school districts with sample learning activities and resources designed to promote the responsible use of social media.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved January 17, 2014.