

These apps listed below are NOT Recommended for elementary aged children.

Red Zone-These apps have been linked to: bullying, sex traffickers, predators; down side out weighs upside



Age 17 + *After School App -Anonymous app that creates a separate chat group for every school. It has been removed twice from the App Store because of threats and arrests. Messages often include bullying, pornography and alcohol or drug references.



Age 13 + * Ask.fm 13+- Ask.fm is one of the godfathers of cyber bullying apps (as it has been around for quite some time) It encourages students to set p a public profile and allow anonymous people to ask them questions. This encourages bullying and can really hurt the student's feelings. Kids often reveal too much personal information on this site, and cyberbullying is very prevalent. (cyber bullying app, anonymous people to answer questions)



Age 9+ *Boo App (formerly boomoji) Social network where users create an avatar and they use to chat with others. If your student had the app before December 2013 (or their friends did) it is likely that their phone number and any other personal information they linked to the app was exposed. When tweens and teens have anonymous avatars to hide behind, they tend to misbehave when their actions are not linked to their real name.



Age 17 + *Bumble App (mobile dating app where women are to be the first ones to make contact but tweens and teens have been known to lie about their age to create fake accounts.



Age 18 +*Burn book anonymous app for posting text, photos and audio rumor messages about others. The app compiles messages by school so the app requires access to your location. It encourages students to screenshot the rumors and save them to their phone, which causes bullying issues.



Age 4+ *Calculator Private Photo App-This app otherwise known as a vault is designed to help students hide photos and videos behind an innocent looking

calculator app. This application looks like a calculator but entering a passcode opens a private area.



Age 13+ *Discord App Discord is a free voice, video and text chat app for gamers to use while they are playing a multiplayer game. Anyone can create a group chat and some parents have reported it is easy for strangers to access the app and communicate with their kids.



Age 13+ *Finstagram/Spam Instagram Account Finstagram (Finsta) is a fake (or second) Instagram account (sometimes referred to as a “spam account” by students. Students get a second Instagram account along with their real Instagrams to post silly pictures or videos (without their parents knowing about the second account).



Age 13+ *GroupMe (owned by Microsoft) is a messaging app where users can send group for private messages from their computer or phone using wifi. Since activity from the GroupMe app doesn't show up on their parents' phone bill, some students use the app to hide their messaging activity.



Age 12 + *The Hooked app enables users to read stories in chat form, like a series of text messages or as a series of video clips. Since the majority of the stories feature sex, violence and drug use. This app is inappropriate for students. Also, this app can have a serious impact on your child's digital footprint especially if they sign up with their Facebook account.



Age 17+ iMVU is an app where users create custom avatars and use them to chat with strangers in random chats or 3D chat rooms. This app can be used by predators to try and get victims to share their phone number, send photos, and video chat off of the app. Content on iMVU is inappropriate for teens and avatars can be used to simulate explicit activities.



Age 17+ Roblox-Targeted to kids ages 8-12 Roblox is their largest user generated online gaming platform. Users can create and upload games, inappropriate and graphic content can appear in any game. The purpose of the game is to interact with other players many of whom are anonymous.



Age 17+ Sarahah App-Allows Students to anonymously chat online with friends and strangers.



Age 13+ Similar to the Sarahah app, the Tellonym app allows students (and strangers) to ask and answer questions anonymously. The Tellonym app can be linked to a user's Instagram, Snapchat, or Twitter account, allowing students to get inbound anonymous messages from their friends and strangers. When teens connect anonymous apps to their Instagram or Snapchat they open themselves up to being targeted by strangers across platforms (and bullying/threats from people they may not know).

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