Topic: Social Media

Key Question:

Should student’s pictures be treated as private property and off limits to the school?

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Scenario:
At a recent football game, the cheer sponsor confiscated the phone of one of the cheerleaders after learning that the girl had sent an inappropriate picture of herself to some of the football players. The cheerleader’s mother found an inappropriate picture of the school quarterback on her daughter’s phone that was sent to her daughter during the summer. What should happen to these students?

Discussion questions:
1. Is there a difference between having possession of a provocative picture whether or not body parts are exposed in it?
2. Should the school take action about these pictures since they were not taken on school property?
3. Should the cheer coach/football coach suspend these students since they represent the school?

Correlated TEKS:
ELPS: 1A, 2H, 3G, 3H, 5F, 5G
ELAR: 25B, 25A, 18C, 23B
CCRS, E/LAS IV Listening A
Physical Education 7B, 7E
Social Studies (7th grade) 17B, 23A, 23B
Social Studies (8th grade) 20C, 21B