

JKHA/RKYHS Supplementary Policies Regarding Social Media and Texting

The following policies apply even outside the JKHA/RKYHS Internet System:

- JKHA/RKYHS staff is prohibited from accepting students as friends on personal networking sites. Faculty members must decline any JKHA/RKYHS student-initiated friend requests and they may not initiate a friend request to any JKHA/RKYHS student even if they do not currently teach that student.
- JKHA/RKYHS staff members must exercise good judgment in their use of social media. They may not use or post commentary deemed to be defamatory, obscene, proprietary, or libelous. JKHA/RKYHS staff should exercise caution with regards to exaggeration, colorful language, guesswork, obscenity, copyrighted materials, legal conclusions, and derogatory remarks or characterizations.
- JKHA/RKYHS staff members may not publicly discuss students or coworkers on such sites, even without mentioning names, nor may they publicly criticize school policies or personnel. They are also prohibited from posting images that include students of JKHA/RKYHS.
- Social media sites may be used as class pages with complete transparency.
- Teachers should limit texting of students. The content of texts should be only functional and utilitarian; texting should never be used to express ideas or share thoughts.