

SOARS LESSON PLAN

(9:16 – 10:00)

Social Networking

Introduction/Ice Breaker (5 minutes)-

Quick questions:

1. How much time do you spend on the computer a day doing social activities?
2. How much time do you spend reading every day?
3. How much time do you spend talking with friends face-to-face?
4. Have you ever posted something on-line accidentally?

Lesson –

- Discuss the ramifications of using Facebook, Twitter, and MySpace involving future jobs and relationships
- Explain that you can never truly delete anything you have ever posted on-line
- Discuss how employers are now looking on-line to get a first impression of applicants
- Look at the following websites to see situations where people have been fired over information they posted on their private Facebook accounts.

1. http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2010/07/26/fired-over-facebook-posts_n_659170.html#s115707&title=Swiss_Woman_Caught
2. <http://www.thebostonchannel.com/r/24670937/detail.html>
3. <http://newsnet.byu.edu/story.cfm/60307>

-You may also want to address that there is a new trend in bullying other students via Facebook. For example, one student may write a hurtful statement about someone else as a status. Hundreds of people suddenly have immediate access to that information, and it can destroy someone else. Students need to be very careful about writing anything hurtful or inappropriate about another student.

Closure (5 mins) –

-Challenge students to go one week without using an on-line social network, such as Facebook, Twitter, or MySpace. Encourage them to email you after one week with an opinion of how the week went.