



# CATHERINE AND COUNT BASIE MIDDLE SCHOOL 72

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## Student Social Media Contract

Student’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

### GUIDELINES

**Social Media, such as, Face book, Twitter, YouTube, MySpace, LinkedIn, Engrade, personal texting, and others, are powerful tools of communication that have significant impact on your personal reputation as well as the reputation of Catherine & Count Basie Middle School 72. Your parent/guardian and yourself must read and sign this contract acknowledging the student’s Responsibility to use Social Media responsibly as a member of Catherine & Count Basie Middle School 72. Please use the following guidelines when posting on Social Media sites.**

- ✓ Always be authentic. Be honest about your identity. If you post personally, or as a student of Catherine & Count Basie Middle School 72, make sure you are aware of the Standards of Conduct – Honor Code stated in the Student Handbook, as you share your personal views about yourself, other students, school personnel, or the school.
- ✓ Never pretend to be someone else when you post personally or as a student of Catherine & Count Basie Middle School 72. Tracking tools enable supposedly anonymous posts to be traced back to the authors. Always be honest about yourself and views without providing personal information that could be used against you.
- ✓ Think twice before posting. Privacy does not exist in the world of Social Media. Consider what could happen if a post becomes widely known and how that may reflect on your reputation, the reputation of your family and friends, the reputation of another student, and the reputation of your school. Moreover, the information you place on line could jeopardize your future when applying to high school, college or even applying for a job as a student or a young adult.
- ✓ Be respectful and thoughtful. As a student of Catherine & Count Basie Middle School 72, be mindful of the school’s commitment to showing respect and dignity for all people and to the civil and thoughtful discussion of opposing ideas. Treat others the way you would like them to treat you while posting on Social Media sites.
- ✓ Know the rules. Follow a code of ethics. Become familiar with the terms of service and policies of the Social Media sites and networks in which you participate and the appropriate code of ethics required for responsible online communications.
- ✓ ***Always remember that Cyber bullying is the willful and repeatedly bullying or harassment of another person or persons’ through the medium of Social Media, which includes, electronic text.*** Students who engage in Cyber bullying on Social Media sites, including electronic text, may be disciplined by Catherine & Count Basie Middle School 72 administrators as needed or the matters may be handled by the 113<sup>th</sup> Precinct as **CYBERBULLYING is ILLEGAL**. Remember the Golden Rule. “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you” when you post on any Social Media site.

Parent Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_