

Facebook © is a social networking site that was created for individuals who are *at least 13 years old*. As you are probably well aware, there are thousands of young people who have active Facebook accounts/profiles and spend their time on Facebook participating in a variety of activities—both healthy and unhealthy. Given this fact, members of the Roxboro Middle School community believe that it is important that you (as their parent/or guardian) know the basics of this social networking website, so that you can have important conversations with your son/or daughter about their Facebook activity. We have provided you with a checklist of the probable components of a typical Facebook profile/account:

- ❑ **Pictures** (*these usually appear on the front page of a user's profile as well as in their personal photo albums & includes any pictures taken on a camera, phone or web camera*)
- ❑ **Wall posts** (*these are comments that other users can add to the body of anyone's profile*)
- ❑ **Friend requests** (*ANY user can attempt to befriend you; however, it is up to you to accept or ignore this friend request*)
- ❑ **Personal info** (*any demographic information—age, race, relationship status, contact info, address, etc.—that is shared and which is accessible to any user whom you befriend*)
- ❑ **Live Chats** (*this feature allows any user to engage in "live" conversations with other users by corresponding through typed responses*)

[How to file a grievance on Facebook]

1. Make sure it is a *valid* claim*
2. Visit www.facebook.com (*you must create a FB account or use an active one in order to proceed*)
3. Go to the bottom left of a FB user's profile and click on block/report button
4. State the reason(s) for your report
5. If you do not want this user contacting you any longer, then check the "block" box.

(N.B. some private applications may allow "blocked" users to make future contact)

*valid claims include the following content: nude/or pornographic photos, fake profiles, racist or hateful speech, cyber-bullying, threats towards yourself/others, or any other unwanted contact.