

How Technology Savvy Are You?

Let's look at how students communicate with what device.

"Text Messaging" (or SMS) – Text messaging or "short text-messages" are words and symbols used to communicate from mobile phones.

"E-mail" – Short for electronic mail, it is the transmission of messages over communication networks.

"IMing" – Short for Instant Messaging. This is a private chat session with another individual.

"Chat Rooms or Bash Boards" – Similar to "IMing", it is "real time: communication with someone using a computer. Various symbols, codes and acronyms are used to communicate. Bash Boards are online bulletin boards used anonymously to write anything about someone that you want, true or not.

"MMS" – Short for Multimedia Messaging Service. These messages combine the use of text, sounds, images and video to send messages to mobile phones with the appropriate capabilities.

"Voting or Polling Booths" – these allow for "free voting" such as "Who is the ugliest or the fattest, etc. . . . at school".

"Web Sites" – In this day and age of technology anyone can have their own web sites. Many students have their own web page where almost anything can be posted.

Web Sites and Resources of Interest

www.hateboard.com

www.myspace.com

www.schoolscandal.com

www.teenangels.com

www.livejournal.com

www.cyberbullying.ca

www.stopbullyingnow.hrsa.gov

www.transl8it.com – a web site to help to translate text messages or SMS

www.webopedia.com – an online dictionary to help you navigate online terminology and acronyms

www.whatis.com – helps you define all those "techno" terms

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Cyber “Language”

Cyber space is full of language that truly seems “out of this world.” The following are abbreviations and symbols students may use to communicate.

Cyber Space Acronyms:

4GM – Forgive me	GN – Good night
AAMOF – As a matter of fact	GR8 – Great
AFK – Away from keyboard	H – Hug
ASL – Age, sex, location?	HB – Hug back
ASLP – Age, sex, location, picture?	H & K – Hugs and Kisses
ATYS – Anything you say	HAGD – Have a good day
BFD – Big freakin’ deal	HCIT – How cool is that
BF – Boyfriend	HF – Have fun
BFN – Bye for now	HH – Ha-ha
BC – Be cool	HHSF – Ha-ha, so funny
B/C – Because	HHVF – Ha-ha, very funny
EG – Evil grin	HOAS – Hold on a second
EOD – End of discussion	IAC – In any case
EOL – End of lecture	IAG – It’s all good
EOR – End of rant	IAGW – In a good way
F – Female	IC – I see/In character
F2F – Face to face	IDGI – I don’t get it
FCOL – For crying out loud	IDNDT – I did not do that
FITB – Fill in the blanks	IIRC – If I remember correctly
FOCL - Falling off the chair laughing	IK – I know
FOFL – Falling on the floor laughing	IKWUM – I know what you mean
FWIW – For what it’s worth	IMAO – In my arrogant opinion
FYA – For your amusement	IME – In my experience
FYI – For your information	IMHO – In my humble opinion
G – Grin	IMNSHO – In my not so humble opinion
G2G – Gotta go	INRS – It’s not rocket science
GA – Good afternoon/Go ahead	IOW – In other words
GAL = Get a life	IRL – In real life
GF – Girlfriend	IRSTBO – It really sucks the big one
GFN – Gone for now	IS – I’m sorry
GI – Good idea	ISWYM – I see what you mean
GIWISI – Gee, I wish I said it	JMHO – Just my humble opinion
GJ – Good job	JTLYK – Just to let you know
GL – Good luck	J/K – Just kidding
GM – Good morning/Good move/match	J/P – Just playing
GMTA – Great minds think alike	K – OK

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Cyber Space Acronyms:

KIR – Keepin' it real	RHIP – Rank hath its privileges
KIT – Keep in touch	ROF – Rolling on the floor
KWIM – Know what I mean?	ROTFL – Rolling on the floor laughing
L8R – Later	RTFM – Read the flippin' manual
LMK – Le me know	S2R – Send to receive
LTR – Long term relationship	SCNR – Sorry, could not resist
LYK – Let you know	SLY – Still love you
LMAO – Laughing my a** off	SWALK – Sweet, with all love, kisses
LMBO – Laughing my butt off	SWAK – Sealed with a kiss
LOL – Laugh out loud	SYSOP – System Operator
LTNS – Long time no see	TCO – Taken care of
M – Male	TOH – The other half
MMA – Meet me at ...	THX – Thanks
MOS – Mom over Shoulder	TNX – Thanks
MYOB – Mind your own business	TIA – Thanks in advance
N – In	TMA – Take my advice
NBD – No big deal	TMI – Too much information
N2M – Not too much	TTFN – Ta ta for now
N/C – Not cool	TTYL – Talk to you later
NE1 – Anyone	TY – Thank you
NM – Never mind, Not much	TYVM – Thank you very much
NMH – Not much here	U2 – You are . . .
NMJC – Nothing much, just chillin'	UR – You are . . .
NNITO – Not necessarily in that order	VBG – Very big grin
NO1 – No one	W2F – Way too funny
NOTTOMH – Not off the top of my head	W8 – Wait
NOYB – None of your business	W8AM – Wait a minute
NP – No problem	WB – Welcome back OR write back
NRN – No reply necessary	WE – Whatever
NW – No way	WNDITWB – We never did it this way before
OIC – Oh, I see	WRT – With Regard To
OMG – Oh my gosh	WTF – What the freak?
OOC – Out of character	WTG – Way to go?
OT – Off topic/Other topic	XOXOXO – Hugs and kisses
PLZ – Please	Y – Why?
PPL – People	YRG – You are good!
POS – Parent over shoulder	YW – You're welcome
QT – Cutie	>U! – Screw you!
RESQ – Rescue	? – Huh?
RFC – Request for comment	?4U – Question for you

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Community Concerns

Emoticons: (facial expressions created by using different keystrokes)

!-(	Black eye	:-p	Sticking tongue out
!-)	Proud of black eye	:-p~	Heavy smoker
#-)	Wiped out, partied all night	:-Q	Tongue hanging out in disgust, or a smoker
#:-o	Shocked	:-Q~	Smoking
%*}	Inebriated	:-r	Sticking tongue out
%+{	Got beat up	:-s	What?!
%-(	Confused	:-t	Unsmiley
%-)	Dazed or silly	:-V	Shouting
%-6	Brain-dead	:-X	My lips are sealed; or a kiss
%-\	Hung over	:-x	Kiss, or My lips are sealed
%-{	Ironic	:-Y	Aside comment
%-|	Worked all night	:-[	Unsmiling blockhead; also criticism
%-}	Humorous or ironic	:-\”|	Sniffles
%\	Hangover	:-{}	Blowing a kiss
>>:-<<	Furious	:-|	Indifferent, bored or disgusted
>-	Female	:-|:-|	Déjà vu
>->	Winking devil	:-=	Very angry
>-<	Furious	:-}	Mischievous smile
>-)	Devilish wink	:-~)	A cold
>:)	Little devil	:-~|	A cold
>:->	Very mischievous devil	..(	Crying
>:-<	Angry	:/)	Not funny
>:-<	Mad	:/i	No smoking
>:-(	Annoyed	:>	What?
(<>..<>)	Alienated	:@	What?
(O):**	Hugs & Kisses/ Lots of hugging	:\’-)	Tears of happiness
((O))	Initials or name can be put in the middle of one being hugged)	:^D	Happy, approving
O	Hugging	:’-(	Shedding a tear
(-:	Left-handed smile, or smiley from The southern hemisphere	:~/	Confused
		====}	Snake
		=^*	Kisses

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(:&	Angry	=^D	Big grin
::O::)	Bandaid, meaning comfort	IOHO	In our humble opinion
(:	Egghead	M-)	See no evil
*	Kiss	M-),:X:-M	See no evil, hear no evil, speak no evil
-=	Snuffed candle to end a flame	O+	Female
^^^	Laughter	O->	Male
O:-)	Angel	o:8-)	Starry-eyed angel
2B| ^2B	To be or not to be	o:-)	Angel
8	Infinity	P*	French kiss
8)	Wide-eyed, or wearing glasses	Q:-)	College graduate
8-#	Death	[[[]]	Hug, insert name in brackets
8-o	Shocked	[]	Hug
8-O	Astonished	^ ^ ^	Giggles
8-P	Yuck!	^5	High five
8-[	Frayed nerves; overwrought	':-)	Raised eyebrow
8-|	Wow!	{{}}	Hug, insert name in brackets
:(	Sad	{}	No comment
:)	Smile	| (	Sleepy (on late night email message)
:[	Bored, sad	| =<>	Puckered up for a kiss
:|	Bored, sad	|-(	Sleepy, struggling to stay awake
:O	Loudmouth, talks all the time	|-D	Big laugh
:*	Kiss	|-O	Yawn
:*)	Clowning	|-{	Good grief!
:**:	Returning kiss	| -|	Asleep
:+(	Got punched in the nose	| I	Asleep
:,(	Crying	| ^o	Snoring
:-	Male	~ =	Lit candle, indicating a flame
:-#	My lips are sealed: someone	~ ==	Begins a flame
	wearing braces	~ ~:-)	Especially hot flame message
:-&	Tongue-tied	~ ~:[	Net flame
:-<	Very sand	~ ~-8}	Snake