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National Technical Assistance Center on Transition

Resources and Tips for Supporting Teenagers and Young Adults in Virtual Peer to Peer Engagement

On April 21, 2020 NTACT along with presenters from Best Buddies International, Leigh Carbon Community College, and the PEAL Center conducted the webinar [Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok & Beyond: Social Media for Peer2Peer Engagement](#) that presented information regarding effective practices and resources that promote and enhance communication and engagement of students with disabilities.

This document is a summary of the resources and tips presented.



GIVE US SOME SPACE

- Respect our privacy
- Provide only the support we need
- Let us practice independence
- Show us different ways to participate



FOCUS ON WHAT WE CAN CONTROL

- Talk to us about how we are feeling
- Make social stories, schedules and calendars
- Be honest with us
- Help us discover things to look forward to
- Support us to plan and make decisions when we can



Tips provided by:



The Search Institute provides a [Relationships Check tool](#) to give you a snapshot of the strength of your relationships with young people. After taking the quiz, you will be provided with approaches and activities that will help you strengthen your relationships while you connect through technology.



Social Mediums for Peer to Peer Engagement			
Platform, App, Activity	Description	How to Connect	Who It's For
Discord	Communication platform that allows you to set up group specific communication organized into specific topics	discordapp.com This can be run on web browsers or Android/iOS apps. Each member must create an account. The person running your group will then create a channel and invite the members. How to Use Discord for Your Classroom	Originally made for Gamers, this method of communication is best for those in their late teens/early twenties.
Facebook	A website which allows users, who sign-up for free profiles, to connect with others online	facebook.com For web browsers or Android/iOS apps – create an account and connect with friends. Share pictures, videos, and messages. How to Use Facebook Ideas for using Facebook in the classroom	Originally for college students; for anyone over the age of 13 (parent/guardian supervision suggested)
Flickr	Flickr is an image hosting service and video hosting service	flickr.com Download the app to Android or iOS	Originally for photographers; anyone over the age of 13
Google Meet	A video conferencing app that enables users to make video calls with up to 30 users per high-definition video meeting	gsuite.google.com Google secures your information and safeguards your privacy through encrypted video meetings. How to use Meet How Use Google Meet for Remote and Online Learning	Business/organization-oriented; anyone over the age of 13



Instagram	A photo sharing app which allows users to assign filters to photos and share them with followers	<p>instagram.com</p> <p>Instagramers can sync their photo sharing to other social networks, so Instagram photos can be posted directly to Facebook, Tumblr, Twitter, Flickr, and Foursquare.</p> <p>How to Use Instagram</p> <p>Using Instagram in the Classroom</p>	For anyone over the age of 13
Jackbox Games	This is a digital party game platform	<p>One person would need to go to jackboxgames.com or on their gaming console to purchase the desired game or party pack. This person hosts the game, and others can join from any web-enabled device for free</p> <p>How to play; How to play with friends and family remotely</p> <p>Jackbox for homeschooling or teaching remotely</p>	There are family friendly game options, but this is best for groups of 3-8 people who are in their teens and above.
Microsoft Teams	Teams is a chat-based collaboration tool that provides global, remote, and dispersed teams with the ability to work together and share information via a common space	<p>https://www.microsoft.com</p> <p>Utilize features like document collaboration, one-on-one chat, team chat, and more</p> <p>How to Use Teams</p>	For anyone over the age of 13



Remind	Communication platform for teachers to share classroom assignments, instruction, and brief communication with students all in one place	remind.com Download the app to Android or iOS and set up an account and a classroom that your students can access through their account Remind.com for teachers	K-12 teachers and students, Higher Education, and Parents.
Snapchat	An app with one core feature: any picture or video or message you send - by default - is made available to the receiver for only a short time before it becomes inaccessible	snapchat.com A mobile app for Android and iOS devices How to Use Snapchat 15 Ways to Use Snapchat in Classes and Schools	For anyone over the age of 13
Talking Points	Multilingual communication platform that allows teachers to communicate with students and their families without a language barrier	talkingpts.org Create a free account and connect with your student and their families through their account	Teachers and students K-12. There is a character limit and a bit of delay due to the translation, so this is for brief updates and check-ins
TikTok	A free social media app that lets you watch, create, and share videos	tiktok.com A mobile app for Android and iOS devices How to use TikTok – Complete Beginners Guide Ideas for using TikTok in the classroom	Anyone over the age of 13
Tumblr	Tumblr is a network of millions of user-generated websites; part blogging platform and part social	tumblr.com Written entries, photographs, video clips or links to other websites -- you can share all these	Anyone over the age of 13



	networking service, where users can create and post their own original content.	things with your friends and followers; use web browser or mobile app for Android and iOS devices	
Twitch	Streaming platform for video games that allows other people to see your game live	twitch.tv Create an account and download the app on your chosen video game console. Enter this app and begin broadcasting through a named stream prior to joining your game How to Get Started on Twitch	This is best used by the facilitator and shared through a virtual meeting space; use when you want to collaborate on a gaming app for social activities
Twitter	A service used to communicate and stay connected through the exchange of quick, frequent messages.	twitter.com People post Tweets, which may contain photos, videos, links, and text. These messages are posted to your profile, sent to your followers. How to Use Twitter 20 Ways High Schools are Using Twitter	Anyone over the age of 13
Zoom	Video-based communications, with an easy, reliable cloud platform for video and audio conferencing, collaboration, chat, and webinars across	zoom.us Connect through mobile devices, desktops, telephones, and room systems Educating Over Zoom Hosting Virtual Events	Anyone over the age of 13