

# Cyber-Ethics Scenarios: Teacher Answer Key

Directions: Because technology allows us to be invisible in some respects, the ramifications of unethical behavior may not be obvious at first glance. Complete the following grid using the prompts provided to help you explore and then discuss these ethical concerns.

Ethical Issue	Cyber Situation	"Real World" Counterpart	Possible Consequences For Victims	Possible Unintended Consequences
<i>What is the ethical concern?</i>	<i>What is happening?</i>	<i>What situations outside of the cyber-world are similar?</i>	<i>What can you predict might happen to the victim?</i>	<i>What other events could result for people other than the victim?</i>
<b>Piracy</b>	Illegal copying of software, downloading music and DVDs	Theft of personal property Shoplifting	Loss of income Lack of capital to develop next project	Loss of income for retail, manufacturer, stockholders, etc. Increased cost of product to all to compensate for piracy
<b>Plagiarism</b>	Downloading a research paper to turn in for an AP class	Cheating Lying False claims	Confusion about origin of idea Lack of acknowledgement for ideas	No credit or failing grade Integrity lapse Dismissal from school
<b>Cyber-bullying</b>	Posting ridiculing comments or pictures of an acquaintance on a website	Intimidation Harassment	Fear Stress Humiliation	Legal action Retaliation

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Violations of AUP	Student downloads streaming video to catch up on missed tv show instead of completing assigned work	Lying Cyber-slacking Cutting in line in a restaurant Not following protocol at a 4-way stop	Bandwidth is reduced Access is denied to group because of misuse Policies are changed	Slow down network  Teacher reprimanded for AUP violations
Cyber-libel	Posting false statements about an ex-girlfriend on a networking site	Slander Lying	Harms reputation Stress Retaliation	Emotional distress to victim
Invasion of Privacy	Taking pictures with a cell phone in a school locker room	Identity theft Breaking and entering Vehicle prowling	Emotional Stress Distrust Fear Humiliation	Legal Action School disciplinary action
Cyber-stalking	Series of anonymous harassing "prank" phone calls to an acquaintance	Harassment Stalking	Fear Stress	Restraining order Legal action
Misrepresentation	High school freshman pretending to be a college freshman in a chat room	Giving false information Perjury	Anger at perpetrator Distrust	Barred from using networking site Inappropriate response from other participants