

Survey on Youth Password Practices  
Grades 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>

1. What types of computers do you use? *(check all that apply)*
  - Desktop Computers
  - Laptop computers
  - Tablets (for example, iPad)
  - Cell phones
  - Gaming Systems (for example, Xbox, PS4, Wii)
  - Are there any other types of computers that you use? If yes, write them down: \_\_\_\_\_
  
2. Where do you use computers? *(check all that apply)*
  - At school
  - At after-school program
  - At home
  - At relative's house (for example, grandparents)
  - At public library
  - Are there other places? If yes, write them down: \_\_\_\_\_
  
3. About how much time do you spend on computers each day, **Monday through Friday** (both at school and outside of school)?
  - I don't go on
  - Less than 1 hour per day
  - 1 to 2 hours per day
  - 3 to 5 hours per day
  - more than 5 hours per day
  
4. About how much time do you spend on computers each day, **Saturday or Sunday**?
  - I don't go on
  - Less than 1 hour per day
  - 1 to 2 hours per day
  - 3 to 5 hours per day
  - more than 5 hours per day
  
5. What do you do on computers? *(check all that apply)*
  - School work
  - Homework
  - Games
  - Use internet
  - Entertainment (for example, YouTube)
  - Email
  - Texting
  - Social media (for example, Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, Instagram)
  - Are there other things that you do on computers? If yes, write them down: \_\_\_\_\_
  
6. How many passwords do you have at school? \_\_\_\_\_
  - I don't know
  - a. How many passwords do you have outside of school? \_\_\_\_\_
    - I don't know

7. I use passwords to access: *(check all that apply)*
- School computer
  - Home computer
  - Tablet
  - Cell phone
  - Games
  - Email
  - Social media (for example, Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, Instagram)
  - Are there any other times when you use a password? If yes, write them down: \_\_\_\_\_
8. About how many times a day do you use your passwords? \_\_\_\_\_
9. How do you get your passwords? *(check all that apply)*
- I am given a password by school.
  - I make my own passwords **by myself**.
  - My parent/guardian makes passwords for me.
  - I make my passwords with help from my parent/guardian.
  - Are there any other ways you make a password? If yes, write them down: \_\_\_\_\_
10. How do you remember your passwords? *(check all that apply)*
- I memorize the passwords.
  - I let the computer save the password and fill it in for me.
  - I write my passwords down on paper.
  - A family member remembers my passwords for me.
  - A friend remembers my passwords for me.
  - I save my passwords in a file on a computer.
  - I save my password in special software for passwords only.
  - Are there any other ways that you remember your passwords? If yes, write them down: \_\_\_\_\_
11. Do you help your family members with passwords?
- Yes       No
- If Yes, how? *(check all that apply)*
- I help them make their passwords.
  - I help them remember their passwords.
  - Are there any other ways that you help them with passwords? If yes, write them down:  
\_\_\_\_\_
12. Where did you learn about proper use of passwords? *(check all that apply)*
- At school
  - At home
  - On internet
  - From friends
  - Are there other places you learned about passwords? If yes, write them down: \_\_\_\_\_

13. Let's talk about your passwords:

- a. Do you share your password with friends?  
 Always     Sometimes     Never
- b. Do you use the same password for everything?  
 Always     Sometimes     Never
- c. Do you keep your passwords private?  
 Always     Sometimes     Never
- d. When you finish with computers do you sign out?  
 Always     Sometimes     Never
- e. Do you change your passwords?  
 Always     Sometimes     Never

If you select "Always" or "Sometimes", when do you change your passwords? (*check all that apply*)

- When the computer prompts me to
- When the school tells me to
- When my family tells me to
- When I forget my passwords
- When someone finds out my passwords
- Are there other times you change your password? If yes, write them down: \_\_\_\_\_

14. What do you think about passwords?

- a. It is easy to make my password.  
 Agree                       Neutral                       Disagree                       I don't make my password.
- b. It is easy to make many different passwords  
 Agree                       Neutral                       Disagree                       I don't make my password.
- c. It is easy to remember my passwords.  
 Agree                       Neutral                       Disagree
- d. It is easy to enter my passwords with a keyboard.  
 Agree                       Neutral                       Disagree
- e. It is easy to enter my passwords on a touch screen.  
 Agree                       Neutral                       Disagree
- f. I would prefer another way to unlock besides passwords.  
 Agree                       Neutral                       Disagree
- g. I have too many passwords.  
 Agree                       Neutral                       Disagree

15. Why do you think people should use passwords? List up to 3 reasons.

Reason 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason 3: \_\_\_\_\_

16. Let's say you just got a new game to play on the computer but you need a password to use it. Please make up a new password for that game. (*remember don't write down one of your real passwords*)

New Password: \_\_\_\_\_

**Demographics:**

1. Are you a:
  - Boy
  - Girl
  
2. How old are you? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What grade are you in? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What is your school's name? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Which city do you live in? \_\_\_\_\_

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