

## 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. This is 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 site. Many students have their own web page where almost anything can be posted.

### Web Sites and Resources of Interest

[www.hateboard.com](http://www.hateboard.com)

[www.myspace.com](http://www.myspace.com)

[www.schoolscandal.com](http://www.schoolscandal.com)

[www.teenangels.com](http://www.teenangels.com)

[www.livejournal.com](http://www.livejournal.com)

[www.cyberbullying.ca](http://www.cyberbullying.ca)

[www.stopbullyingnow.hrsa.gov](http://www.stopbullyingnow.hrsa.gov)

[www.transl8it.com](http://www.transl8it.com) – a web site to help to translate text messages or SMS

[www.webopedia.com](http://www.webopedia.com) – an online dictionary to help you navigate online terminology and acronyms

[www.whatis.com](http://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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*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 wearing braces	~ ==	Begins a flame
:-&	Tongue-tied	~ ~:-(	Especially hot flame message
:-<	Very sand	~ ~:[	Net flame
		~ ~ ~8}	Snake