

## **Rationale Statement: Specialization Standard 6-4**

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**Outcome:** Promotes safe and healthy use of technology resources.

**Evidence:** EDUC 6630 Week 4 Application

This Application assignment tackles an emerging hot topic in technology use ... the protection of online identity and personal information. By utilizing the Mystery lesson strategy, I have chosen to allow students to explore through various ways in which identity is communicated and recorded on the Internet. Through email headers, anonymous comments, photos, personal blogs, and important web resources, students are encouraged to track and identify the source of strange anonymous messages on the Internet.

With the advent of online social networking upon us, most schools are sadly unprepared and uninvolved for addressing issues like this. Though some social networks, like Facebook, address identity responsibly and seriously, many (MySpace, Xanga, LiveJournal, etc) do not. Instead of relying on the companies to make responsible choices, then, it is obvious that we must instead focus on preparing students for safe and healthy use of online identity and personal information.