

## 6 Q's About the News | Schools Watch Students on the Internet

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*In “Warily, Schools Watch Students on the Internet,” Somini Sengupta writes about how new ways to monitor students around the clock are raising questions.*

**WHO** was arrested this month after a Facebook comment about the death of a 12-year-old Florida girl who committed suicide after classmates relentlessly bullied her?

**WHERE** did a federal appeals court side with school officials who suspended a high school sophomore for threatening, through messages on Myspace, to shoot classmates?

**WHO** resigned last year after accusations that she had snooped on students using a fake Facebook account?

**WHAT** is Geo Listening?

**HOW** did students in a district where it was used mock it online?

**HOW** does Geo Listening seem to work?

**HOW** many schools has it signed up?

**HOW** has John G. Palfrey Jr., head of Phillips Academy in Massachusetts, handled the issue of monitoring student behavior online?

**WHAT** do you think of the results of the court cases described at the end of this article?

**WHAT** questions about students' freedom of speech does this article raise?

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**For Higher-Order Thinking**

**HOW** do you feel about the issues and examples raised in this article? Should schools monitor students' social media activity? **WHY** or why not?

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