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## Students Suspended Over Online Postings

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It's a popular website that thousands of local children log on to every day but now students at one school are suspended because of the content on their mySpace.com accounts. Those students attend Open Door Christian School in Fluvanna County.

A lot of parents warn their kids to be careful about what they post on line because you never know who will look at it. In this case, it was the school principal at Open Door Christian School who was checking his students mySpace.com postings. He didn't like what he saw so he suspended 20 students.

The students tell 8News the mySpace postings they were suspended for contained some off-color language and what the school told them was pornography. In actuality, it was a picture of a girl in a bathing suit holding a paintball gun and an advertisement for Victoria's Secret lingerie. The suspension has infuriated many students and parents alike.

"It happened at home. It's not like we were logging on to the school computers so it was really none of their business," says suspended student Gabrielle Johnson.

"A lot of my anger is the unfairness that goes on at the school," says Gabrielle's father, Gary Johnson.

Johnson goes on to tell 8News he agrees with the school that some of the language in his daughter's site was inappropriate but he also tell us it's none of the school's business.

"I said thanks for bringing it to our attention it didn't happen inside the school. It's an outside matter and we would take care of it," Johnson added.

It didn't matter. The students were still suspended.

Johnson is so upset by his daughter's suspension he's hired a lawyer.

"We tried to talk to the administration here at Open Door Christian School but they refused to speak with us. The principal sent his secretary to tell us the school had no comment," Johnson said.



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