Chapter 13

Cyber Gangs inside the Classroom

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Students in classrooms face challenges of which teachers and adults are either unaware or simply do not notice. Jonathan’s parents nor his teachers knew about the difficult situation Jonathan was experiencing with his classmates. Like so many parents and teachers, they did not have any reason to suspect that ten-year-old Jonathan was a victim of a cyber gang’s activities occurring right in his own living room and inside his classroom.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

There has been a push since the late ‘90s to make technology accessible to as many people as possible in order to eliminate the gap between those with the resources to access technology, and those lacking the resources; but no true balance or equalizer has been found as yet. And for those who do have access, once students click on that Internet browser icon, a new world opens up before them; a world which might not be the best thing for their life. In fact, today’s generation has adopted a new set of standards when it comes to issues surrounding the use of technology. Activities such as illegal downloading, jail breaking mobile phones, and cheating using handheld devices present just some of the challenging technology-related issues we
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