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An open letter from George Thomson regarding video of students and school posted on teachertube.com and youtube.com.

Over the years my students and myself have recorded some excellent video of class productions and student work. These videos are fun to make and are clear evidence extensive leaning.

An article in the Arizona Daily Star on October 10, 2007, "[Teacher in YouTube video gets suspended](#)" told of a teacher posting a video at youtube of her class. The article stated, "The cheerleading coach was seen in the video performing a seemingly harmless cheer inside a classroom as students hoot and cheer"; the teacher was suspended.

While I do not perform in front of my class in order to get the students to "hoot and cheer", this event does make me have more respect for my students' privacy.

Therefore, I assure you that all videos posted at these web sites will be appropriate for any aged student and will only be posted with the students' (if 18 years old) and/or their parents' permission.

I hope you will see our class videos for yourself; please go to <http://www.teachertube.com/uprofile.php?UID=10696>

Thank you for letting me teach your kids.

George Thomson