

Facebook Profile

In order to determine if your child has a Facebook profile, simply open your Internet browser. Type in www.facebook.com that will take you to the front screen of Facebook. At this point you are going to have to go to the right-hand, top corner – choose sign up. Fill in the applicable fields and create a user profile. Once you've done so, you can go the left-hand side of the screen, type in the email and password that's appropriate, click login and you will come to this screen which is actually the front of your page.

From here you can start your search for your children or child's account. In the search window, on the left-hand side, you can type in either a name – we will type in a common name, Kathy Meyer – you will see there are 62 names, or profiles for this particular name. You can scroll through those and get an idea of the age variety. As you can see there are multiple pages – so at the bottom, or top you can choose first, second, third. You need to do this for any variation of your child's name, or if you know they going by a shortened or a middle name. Search anything that could possibly be used.

If you don't find anything there, I would encourage you to search any email addresses that you are aware they have or that may be similar to those they have. Here we will do MeyerK@hotmail.com. Hotmail, Yahoo.com, Gmail.com, all of those are common email accounts that your child may access or open without your permission or knowledge, so you will want to run through the various options that you can come up with.

As a side note, and probably the easiest way to do this, is to simply ask your child for their username and password and log in as they have if they admit to having a profile. Check through to make sure they don't have any inappropriate pictures posted, or any identifiable information that may lead someone to them. Explain the dangers that that could pose in the event the wrong person enters the Facebook network they are on and views that information.