# **HANDS ON:** Social Media & Photography

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Photo Tips &
Best
Practices

# **Rule of Thirds**

When framing your landscape photos, consider the rule of thirds: place your subject just off center. If your looking for a square photo, make sure your subject is centered.





#### Lighting

Natural sunlight is always the best light source. Consider taking staged photos in front of large windows, where the subjects are facing the windows. During events, try to avoid dark shadows and low-light photos.

# "Facial Recognition"

Consider this: students will share pictures of themselves and that means free and easy marketing. When taking photos and editing photos, make sure that students can see themselves. Avoid placing words or graphics over the subjects face, or using blurry photos.

### 100:1

It's hard to get the perfect photo on the first try. So take many, be picky. A photographer once told me that no amount of editing can fix a bad picture.

Tools to Improve Your Photos

**EDIT** 



PHOTOSHOP EXPRESS

Mobile, Free



**SNAPSEED** *Mobile, Free* 



**VSCO** Mobile, Free



**COLLAGE** 



**LAYOUT** *Mobile, Free* 



**BE FUNKY** *Mobile, Free* 



Mobile, Free



**STYLIZE** 



**QUICK** *Mobile, Free* 



**PHONTO** *Mobile, Free* 



OVER/WORDSWAG

Mobile, \$3.99



**CANVA** Web, Free

#### **FUN**



**FLIPAGRAM** *Mobile, Free* 



**LEGEND** *Mobile,* \$1.99



**GIFLAB** *Mobile, Free* 



**GIPHY** Mobile, Free

Apps to Help You Be More Efficient



Web/Mobile, Free

→ Make the Internet work for you → Post to multiple platforms, once



**Hootsuite Mobile** 

Mobile, Free

→Manage multiple accounts
→Schedule posts



Tweetdeck

Web, Free

→Schedule tweets
→Use multiple accounts at once