

Teaching Digital Citizenship

Digital citizenship is the norms of appropriate responsible technology use. It's important we help today's youth navigate digital communication, cyberbullying, internet safety, and other digital dilemmas. When it comes to being a good consumer and educator in a digital world, it's hard to determine what is and is not common sense.

CommonSense.org is an independent, nonprofit organization that offers free K-12 digital literacy and citizenship curriculum for educators and families.

[Common Sense Education](http://CommonSense.org/education) provides teachers with resources to harness the power of technology for learning and life. [Common Sense Media](http://CommonSense.org/media) provides

families with reviews and advice they need to make smart choices in the digital age. At CommonSense.org, you will find learning resources for supporting today's youth in becoming a good digital citizen.



Check out:

- **Common Sense – Student Video Library**

<https://www.common sense media.org/video/educators>

Short videos clips to jump start a lesson or conversation with students or among family members.

- **Common Sense – Digital Citizenship Classroom Posters**

<https://www.common sense.org/education/posters>

Download these colorful posters to remind today's youth about digital citizenship and devices care.

- **Common Sense – Cyberbullying Tool Kits for all levels**

<https://www.common sense media.org/educators/cyberbullying-toolkit>

Cyberbully hurts students, disrupts classrooms, and impacts a school's culture – no matter the grade level: elementary, middle, or high school.

- **Common Sense – Digital Citizenship Lessons for all levels**

<https://www.common sense.org/education/scope-and-sequence>

Cross-curricular lessons to address digital literacy and citizenship in an age-appropriate way.

- **Microsoft Digital Citizenship Toolkit**

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=27837>

Seven page event guide and posters for host a school-wide family event.

Other Resources:

PBS Webonauts Academy

<http://pbskids.org/webonauts/about/>

A web game from PBS KIDS GO! For kids eight to ten years old that can be used in school or at home as a springboard for conversations about media literacy and digital citizenship.

Net Smart Kids and Net Smart Teens

<https://www.net smart z kids.org/> or <http://www.nsteens.org/>

Two sites for young kids and teens developed for children ages five to seventeen, parents and guardians, and educators with videos, interactive comics, and games to entertain and educate youth about making safer choices online.

Childnet International

<http://www.childnet.com/>

Nonprofit international organization whose mission is to help children and young people, ages three to eighteen, to be safe online with classroom and family resources.



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COMING SOON – Using Common Sense resources: CCSD is creating self-paced professional development online workshops along with online classroom lessons within the Canvas Learning Management System. See the **Learning Channel** within the *Canvas Community* for Digital Citizenship workshops. Student lessons can be downloaded from *Canvas Commons*.