DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

How Students Should Behave When Using Digital Tools?

Teaching Your Child(ren) Digital Citizenship

PLEASE PRINT ALL APPROPRIATE SLIDES TO SHARE WITH YOUR CHILD(REN)

What Is Digital Citizenship?

- **Digital citizenship** refers to the responsible use of technology by anyone who uses computers, the Internet, and **digital** devices to engage with society on any level. This is why **digital citizenship** is such a crucial topic to teach today's **students**.
- **Digital citizenship** can be defined as engaging in appropriate and responsible behavior when using technology. It encompasses digital literacy, ethics, etiquette, etc.
- According to **Digital Citizenship**, **digital citizenship** is what should be taught to help the next generation be better stewards of technology.

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Why Teach Digital Citizenship?

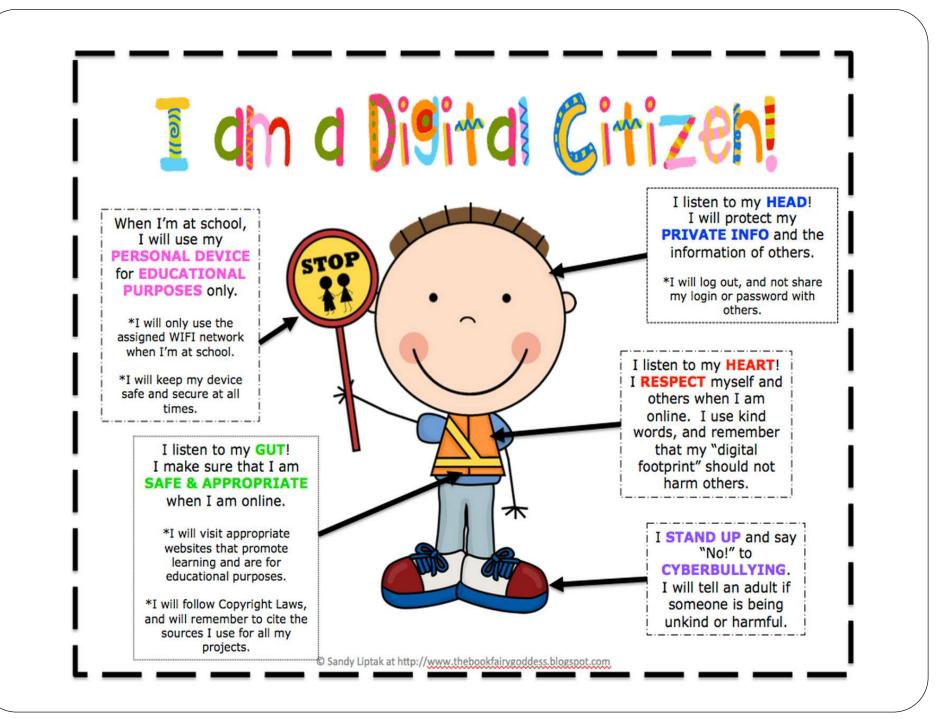
- Teaching digital citizenship equips students with the knowledge, skills, and resources to succeed as lifetime learners.
- This also helps them learn to engage within a digital environment with responsibility and confidence to develop as leaders who will leave meaningful impacts in the lives of others.

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- Information Literacy Teaching digital literacy empowers students with the skills and understanding necessary to not only use internet and technology to their benefit, but also to use it in the most effective ways to quickly find information and utilize the ever expanding list of sites and means of communication at their disposal.
- Cyberbullying Prevention Cyberbullying is an increasing cause for concern for both parents and students, and teaching students to engage respectfully online is important for its prevention. Establishing guidelines and incorporating lessons for responsible online communication and etiquette early, and repeating and reinforcing them often, helps students learn to communicate respectfully with peers.

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- Online Safety Of all of the invaluable educational and life lessons that stem from teaching digital citizenship, online safety is definitely one of the most essential and influential. Students who are taught to understand and prioritize online safety feel confident to take charge of their digital lives and are less likely to fall victim to potential threats that await online. Teach students to protect themselves and their identities by visiting appropriate websites, refraining from posting personal information about themselves and others, trusting their gut, and notifying a trusted adult when things don't feel right.
- **Digital Responsibility** The power we now have to create and define our own digital experiences is unmatched, and with that power comes responsibility. Students must be taught to wield that power wisely, as doing so is essential to their long-term educational and personal success.



How to Teach Student Digital Citizenship

- Define the elements of digital citizenship you wish to incorporate into your child(ren)'s behavior, such as the digital citizenship tips listed previously.
- Then, have a discussion that highlights the themes you wish your child(ren) to learn.
- Execute digital citizenship principles by integrating them into rules and expectations for behavior.

- Discuss the following issues with your child(ren):
 - Cyberbullying
 - Effective passwords
 - Email spoofing and virus protection
 - Plagiarism
 - Social media
 - Literacy intelligence



Rules of Digital Citizenship

- **Rule 1**: *Treat others with respect*. Add-on: Never bully, troll, make fun of, or harass people online. Report any behavior that appears to be bullying.
- Rule 2: *Do not steal*. Most kids think about this rule in the context of "physical" items (e.g., candy, sister's toy, etc.). It applies to traditional activities like plagiarism and copyright, exacerbated by the unfettered access to information available on the internet. Give credit where credit is due is not a new idea. However, stealing someone's identity (or creating a fake one) is.
- **Rule 3:** *Shop on secured sites*. This is a rule for older children. Show your kids how to read a website and what logos to look for when they are shopping.

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- Rule 4: Never give out personal information, including phone numbers, addresses, and "check-ins" on social media.
 From an early age, we teach our kids about "stranger danger."
 It is something they've heard and can understand when they "see" someone. Because they are separated by a computer screen, though, many kids have a harder time seeing danger on the other end.
- Rule 5: Social media is not a place to air drama-keep that for a journal. If you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all. Remember that? Same applies to ranting on social media, too. In our house, we have a very simple threshold: if you wouldn't't want Grandma to read it, then you probably shouldn't't say / type it.

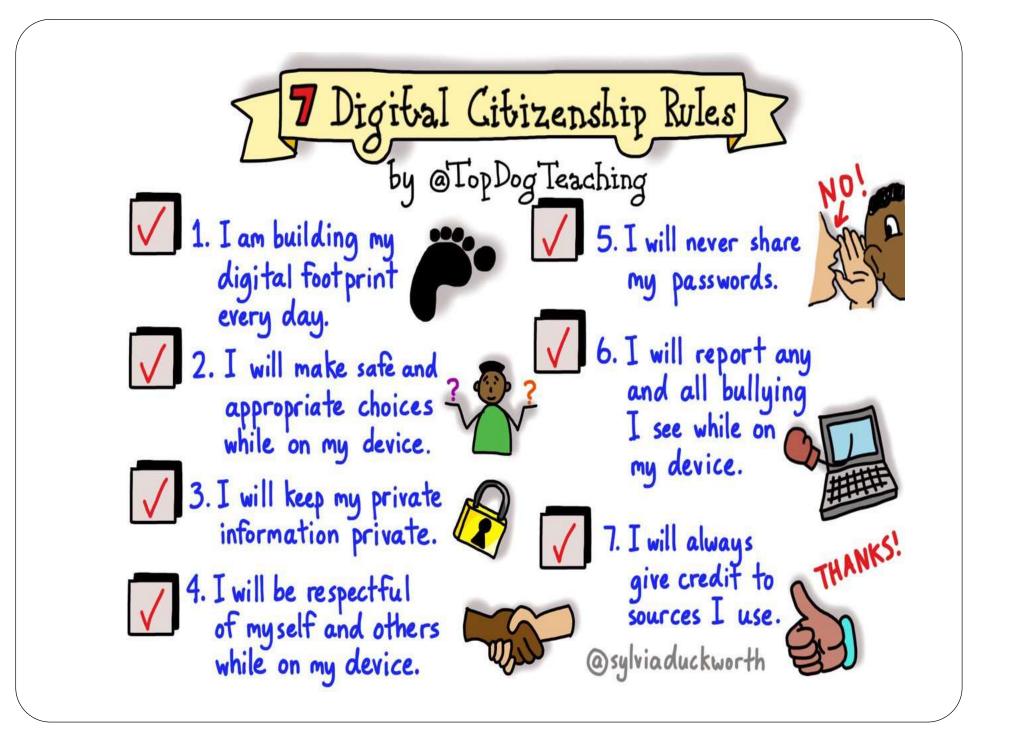
Rule 6: *Use the "Think" rule*. Although this image was created to emphasize care in posting anything online, it applies to real-world engagement, as well. Technology is moving forward quickly. As fast as it has moved in our lifetimes, we know technology will continue to evolve far beyond what it can do at this moment.

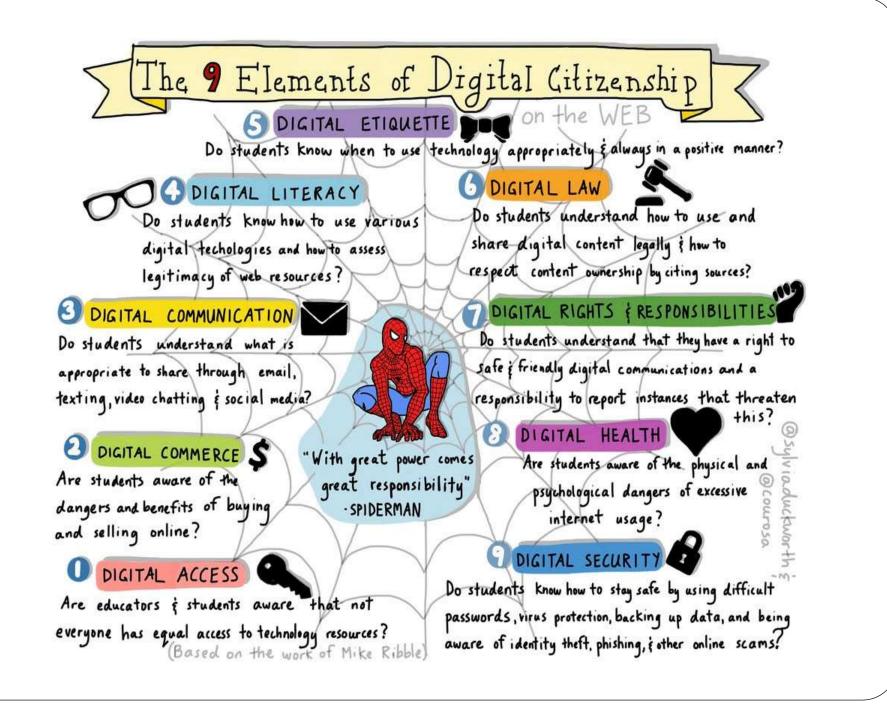
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BEFORE YOU POST



T- IS IT TRUE H- IS IT HELPFUL I- IS IT INSPIRING N- IS IT NECESSARY K- IS IT KIND







Help students think critically and compassionately about what they see and do online.

