

Digital Citizenship

Character Skills

- Citizenship

SEL Skills

- Self-Management
- Responsible Decision-Making

Academic Skills

- Critical and Creative Thinking
- Effective Problem-Solving
- Diligence

Our citizenship does not stop at the physical space we occupy. Citizenship has expanded to the communities we have created online. Digital citizenship is important for students as they complete school work and socialize in the digital space. This activity is designed to give students tips on being safe digital citizens.

Materials

- Video: "[5 Internet Safety Tips for Kids](#)"
- Chart paper or space on a whiteboard or chalkboard

Discussion Questions

- Where are you a digital citizen? YouTube? SnapChat? TikTok? Google?
- What do you do the most on the Internet?
- How do you know it is safe to talk to someone on the Internet?

Instructions

1. Explain to students that just like their neighborhood, school, and family, the Internet is a community as well. As a community member, they have a responsibility to be a safe digital citizen.
2. Watch "[5 Internet Safety Tips](#)" with your students
3. Break the students into five groups. Each group will be assigned a different Internet safety tip. The tips are:
 1. Don't give out personal information.
 2. Never send pictures to strangers.
 3. Keep passwords private.
 4. Don't download anything without permission.
 5. Tell an adult if you receive a mean or strange message.
4. Have the groups develop a slogan, song, rhyme or short skit for their safety tip. The goal is to find a way to create something catchy so students are able to retain the tips.
5. Have groups present their ideas to the large group.
6. Have students journal individually about these Internet safety tips. Remind students that there are a lot of restrictions put on Internet access at school, but in some settings (home, friend's houses), there are few restrictions. What are some other things you can do to make safe Internet decisions?

Definitions

Citizenship

- Do your share to make your home, school, and community better
- Cooperate
- Stay informed; vote
- Be a good neighbor
- Make choices that protect the safety and rights of others
- Protect the environment

Self-Management

Regulate emotions, attitudes, and actions, and resist negative emotions and impulses

Responsible Decision-Making

Make decisions based on rationality, ethics, and effectiveness

Critical and Creative Thinking

Acquire, remember, understand, and apply knowledge

Effective Problem-Solving

Make rational, ethical, and effective decisions to find the best solutions to problems

Diligence

Have a growth mindset and is willing to learn from mistakes

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