



Learning Through Technology's Digital Citizenship Toolkit



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PATHWAYS TO DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION

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INTRODUCING DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP


Teaching with Technology

Incorporating the edtech of today into a lesson can be exciting—and scary. Is classroom management going to go out the window? Will it actually improve instructional outcomes? Is it worth the trouble?

- [Teachers' Essential Guide to Teaching with Technology](#)

Creating a Culture of Digital Citizenship

Prepare your students for success as digital learners, leaders, and citizens, and create a road map for teaching digital citizenship in your classroom.

- [Teaching Digital Citizenship \(Professional Development Course\)](#)
-  Introduction to Digital Citizenship - Common Sense Education

Digital Citizenship in Your Classrooms and Schools

Children are growing up with the power of digital media and technology to explore, connect, create, and learn in new ways. With this power, young people have great opportunities, but they also face challenges and dilemmas.

- [Digital Citizenship Curriculum](#)
- [Digital Citizenship Lesson Plans \(All\)](#)
- [K-5 Curriculum Connections](#) and [6-12 Curriculum Connections](#)
- [Plan for Digital Citizenship Week \(October 14-18, 2024\)](#)

Quick (Under 20 Minutes) Lesson Collection

CSE has pulled together a collection of [quick Lessons \(Under 20 minutes\)](#) which are a great way to spark critical thinking about how to navigate the many challenges of digital life.

Engaging Families in Digital Citizenship

Whether your digital citizenship efforts are focused on a single classroom or across an entire school or district, partnering with families is essential. Not only can families support students as they try out skills learned in the classroom, but educators and families can help each other better understand kids' digital lives. See also the [Social Emotional Learning Family Resources](#) below.

- [Family Engagement Overview](#)
- [Guide to Engaging Families in Digital Citizenship](#)
- [Articles for Families](#) and [Videos for Families](#)
- [Presentations for Families](#) and [Workshops for Families](#)
- [Family Tech Planners](#)

CELL PHONE POLICY RESOURCES

MPA Collection of School Policies

- [Cell Phone Use in Maine Schools \(MPA Professional Resources\)](#)

Common Sense Educations Cell Phone Policy Resources

- [Should your school have a cell phone ban?](#)
- [Creating a cell phone policy that works for everyone](#)
- [Taking a stand on cellphone bans](#)
- [Key Questions to Inform Your Policy](#)

US DOE's Cell Phone Policy "Playbook"

- [Planning Together: A Playbook for Student Personal Device Policies](#)

DIGITAL SAFETY & SECURITY RESOURCES

Online Safety

Educators' approach to internet safety in the classroom has changed as technology and our use of it continues to evolve. In the past, digital citizenship lessons on internet safety focused mostly on dos and don'ts. These lessons help us rethink that paradigm.

- [23 Great Lesson Plans for Internet Safety | Common Sense Education](#)

Online Privacy

Cybersecurity is one of the most important sets of skills that students need to safeguard themselves, their peers, and their school in our digital world. The lessons in this collection teach students about essential cybersecurity concepts, including protecting themselves from phishing and unsafe websites.

- [Protecting Student Privacy \(Professional Development\)](#)
- [Privacy and Security Lesson Plans \(K-12\)](#) and [Cybersecurity Specific Lessons \(K-8\)](#)

Digital Footprint and Identity

In a time of 24/7 connectivity, do the benefits of online sharing outweigh the risks? Lessons will prompt students to consider how sharing information online can affect them and others and will support them in learning to reflect before they reveal, as well as encourage others to do the same.

- [Digital Footprint and Identity Lesson Plans \(All Grades\)](#)

CIPA and E-Rate Compliance

What is E-rate? And what does E-rate have to do with digital citizenship? Learn more about this federal program for schools and libraries.

- [Essential Guide](#)

CYBERSECURITY AND K12 USERS

K12 Cybersecurity is a national focus area. CISA provides reports and recommendations to enhance LEA cyber posture. These include:

- [Protecting Our Future Report](#) (CISA Report to K12) and [K12Six Incident Map and Tools](#)
- [CISA's Cyber Performance Goals](#) (CPGs)
- [CISA On-Line Toolkit](#) (K12 with Immediate Recommendations)

In addition, CISA helps to fund CYBER.ORG. CYBER.ORG's mission is to ensure that every K-12 student gains foundational and technical cybersecurity knowledge and skills. They provide a deeper dive into Cyber through written cybersecurity learning standards, a video series, and a student competition that includes a coding cyber range- The Cyber Cup.

STUDENT DATA PRIVACY CONSORTIUM

Maine funds statewide membership in the National Student Data Privacy Consortium (A4L). School systems can participate in the national consortium to access their excellent resources.

- [A4L State-Sponsored Student Data Privacy Consortium](#)

TECHNOLOGY PLANNING

Technology planning can set the vision and subsequent steps to support student learning. The federal TechEd plan calls for action to close the digital divide for access, design, and use. Maine's Digital Equity Plan aims to provide affordable access for all.

- [National TechEd Plan 2024 \(A Call to Action to Close the Divide\)](#)
- [Maine Digital Equity Plan](#)

DIGITAL HEALTH & WELLBEING RESOURCES

Digital Wellbeing Lesson Plans

Media and tech have a way of magnifying the stress that young people face on a daily basis. But why is that the case? And more importantly, what can they do about it (besides just taking a break from their phones)?

- [Modeling Healthy Digital Wellbeing Habits \(Professional Development\)](#)
- [An Authentic Approach to Discussions About Digital Well-Being](#)
- [Offline Digital Citizenship: Soft Skills to Support Strong Online Habits](#)
- [Digital Well-Being Lessons for Grades K-12](#)

Social Media TestDrive

Through modules that focus on realistic dilemmas and scenarios, students practice how to respond to situations they will encounter when they become social media users. Each module has a guided activity, a free play section, and reflection questions that help solidify digital citizenship skills and habits. Social Media TestDrive aligns with middle school lessons in the Common Sense Digital Citizenship Curriculum.

- [Social Media TestDrive](#)
- [Educator Guide](#)

The Digital Connections Video Series

Through the six-part interactive video series, students follow two best friends as they navigate their digital lives, learning valuable tips and strategies along the way. This video series aligns with the six core topics addressed within Common Sense's Digital Citizenship Curriculum.

- [Digital Connections Educator Guide](#)
- [Digital Connections Video Series \(Description\)](#)
- [Digital Connections Video Link](#)



Digital Dilemmas

A digital dilemma is a tricky situation that can occur in digital life—and it doesn't always have an obvious right or wrong answer. Even when someone has been hurt or wronged, the right way to respond in a digital dilemma is often unclear.

- [Digital Dilemmas to Teach Digital Citizenship](#)
- [Keys to Using Digital Dilemmas](#)



Digital Habits Checkup

Digital Habits Check-Up helps students identify their digital habits and make positive changes that support their well-being.

- [Should Your School Have a Cell Phone Ban?](#)
-  Digital Habits Checkup - Student Handout
-  Digital Habits Checkup - Educator Guide



Feelings and Options

Feelings and Options is a thinking routine that supports communication, empathy, and thoughtful decision-making for digital dilemmas in social life.

-  Feelings & Options - Student Handout
-  Feelings & Options - Educator Guide

Take a Stand

Take a Stand is a thinking routine designed to be used with digital dilemmas related to privacy, community, and civic life, getting students to consider their own and others' perspectives.

-  Take a Stand - Student Handout
-  Take a Stand - Educator Guide

SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING RESOURCES

Cyberbullying Prevention

What is cyberbullying? How common is it? And what can teachers do about it? Get advice and resources to support your students.

- [Teachers' Essential Guide to Cyberbullying Prevention](#)

SEL Curriculum Resources

Technology impacts students' social and emotional well-being, from how they express themselves to how they communicate with friends and family. With the right support, students can learn how to integrate technology into their lives to promote their well-being and be a positive influence in their communities.

- [Teachers' Essential Guide to SEL Curriculum](#)
- SEL in Digital Life for [Elementary School](#), [Middle School](#), and [High School](#)

Family Engagement Resources (SEL Specific)

Share these family conversation starters to help your students and their families talk meaningfully about their digital lives. Each conversation starter is linked directly within CSE's SEL in Digital Life activities. You can also access them via the links below. See also [Family Engagement](#) above.

- [K-2 Conversations](#), [3-5 Conversations](#), [6-8 Conversations](#), & [9-12 Conversations](#)

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE RESOURCES

AI Literacy

To get you started, the Learning Through Technology Team has created the [AI Guidance Toolkit](#) which offers a great starting point for anyone exploring AI in education.

Artificial intelligence (AI) is rapidly transforming the world we live in. From using generative AI for schoolwork to dealing with misinformation and befriending AI chatbots, students have a lot to consider when it comes to this ever-evolving technology.

- [ChatGPT and Beyond: How to Handle AI in Schools](#)
- [AI Lessons Grades 6-12](#)
- [AI Introduction for Educators \(Professional Development Course\)](#)

COMMON SENSE EDUCATION RECOGNITION

Become Recognized for Your Digital Citizenship Program

The Common Sense Recognition Program provides a road map for creating a positive culture of digital learning. This free program includes professional learning, teaching lessons, tips and resources for engaging families around learning with media and tech, and opportunities for educators to reflect on their own classroom technology practices.

- [Becoming a Common Sense Teacher](#)
- [Becoming a Common Sense School](#)
- [Becoming a Common Sense District](#)
- [2024-2025 Common Sense Recognition Application](#)