

Nine Themes of Digital Citizenship

Digital Access Issues

Full electronic participation in society

- Equitable access for all student
- Accommodations for students with special needs
- Programs for increasing access outside schools

Digital Commerce Issues

Electronic buying and selling

- Online buying through commercial sites, auction sites, and other Internet locations
- Online selling through auction sites and other Internet locations
- Media subscriptions and purchases made through media software such as iTunes
- Buying and selling “virtual merchandise” for online games

Digital Communication Issues

Electronic exchange of information

- Email
- Cell Phones
- Personal video calls (Skype)
- Instant Messaging
- Text Messaging
- Blogs
- Wikis
- Social Networking

Digital Literacy Issues

Process of teaching and learning about technology and the use of technology

- Learning the digital basics: browsers, search engines, download engines, and email
- Evaluating online resources (determining the accuracy of content on websites and wikis, assessing the trustworthiness and security of online vendors, recognizing phishing attacks, and so on)
- Exploring and developing online learning modes and distance education

Digital Etiquette Issues

Electronic standards of conduct or procedure

- Using technology in ways that minimize the negative effects on others
- Using technology when it is contextually appropriate
- Respecting others online: not engaging in cyber bullying, flaming, inflammatory language, and so forth

Digital Law Issues

Electronic responsibility for actions and deeds

- Using file-sharing sites
- Pirating software
- Subverting Digital Rights Management (DRM) technologies
- Hacking into systems or networks
- Stealing someone's identity
- Sexting and sharing of illicit photos

Digital Right & Responsibilities Issues

Those freedoms extended to everyone in a digital world

- Following acceptable use policies and using technology responsibly both inside and outside school
- Using online materials ethically, including citing sources and requesting permissions
- Using technology to cheat on tests and assignments
- Reporting cyber bullies, threats, and other inappropriate use

Digital Health & Wellness Issues

Physical and psychological well-being in a digital world

- Administrators and teachers ignore the possible harmful physical effects of technology on students
- Teachers do not model proper ergonomics when using technology

Digital Security Issues

Electronic precautions to guarantee safety

- Protecting hardware and network security
- Protecting personal security: identity theft, phishing, online stalking
- Protecting school security: hackers, viruses
- Protecting community security: terrorists threats