

# Digital Citizenship (9-12)

Digital Media Studies

Grade(s) 9th - 12th, Duration 1 Year  
Required Course

## Course Overview

This course addresses key components of the digital experience: internet safety, privacy and security, relationships and communication, cyberbullying, digital footprint and reputation, self image and identity, information literacy, creative credit and copyright.

The cross-curricular units spiral to address digital literacy and citizenship topics in an age-appropriate way.

Timeframe	Unit	Scope And Sequence Instructional Topics
Ongoing	Responsible Use of the Internet	1. Social Media 2. Online Behaviors 3. Internet Privacy for Teens 4. Data and Privacy

## Materials and Resources

Common Sense Media educational resources (<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/educators/scope-and-sequence>)

## Course Details

**Unit:** Responsible Use of the Internet

**Duration:** Ongoing

### Unit Overview

Students will explore complex issues connected with using the internet responsibly and safely.

### Topic: Social Media

**Duration:** Ongoing

#### Topic Overview

Students will explore issue connected with social media and creativity online.

#### Learning Targets

Digital Life 102

Students test their knowledge of digital media and talk about the role media plays in their lives.

Oops! I Broadcast It on the Internet

Students are introduced to the benefits of sharing information online and the potential risks of sharing inappropriate information.

Copyrights and Wrongs

Students explore the legal and ethical dimensions of respecting creative work.

Feeling On Display

Students reflect on the different pressures teens face when it comes to editing, posting, and commenting on photos online.

Turn Down the Dial on Cyberbullying and Online Cruelty

Students learn that cruelty can escalate quickly online because people are often anonymous and posts spread quickly.

### Topic: Online Behaviors

**Duration:** Ongoing

#### Topic Overview

Students will explore aspects of their behavior online, including possible unsafe implications.

#### Learning Targets

My Online Code

Students discuss their understanding of ethical behavior and are introduced to the concept of online ethics.

Who Are You Online?

Students explore how they and others represent themselves online, and the relationship between online and offline selves.

Building Community Online

Students examine websites that foster positive community.

Overexposed: Sexting and Relationships

Students explore the risks and responsibilities of carrying out romantic relationships in the digital world.

Risky Online Relationships

Students think critically about developing relationships with people online.

### Topic: Internet Privacy for Teens

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Rights, Remixes, and Respect

Students reflect on the differences between taking inspiration from the creative work of others and appropriating that work without permission.

Taking Perspectives on Cyberbullying

Students learn about the dynamics of online cruelty and how it affects all of the people involved.

What's the Big Deal about Internet Privacy?

Students explore the concept of privacy in their everyday lives, and as it relates to using the Internet.

Becoming a Web Celeb

Students explore the upsides and downsides of becoming famous online, and reflect on whether the experience can differ for boys and girls.

College Bound

Students learn that everything they or anyone else posts about them online becomes part of a public online presence known as a digital footprint.

**Topic:** Data and Privacy

**Duration:** Ongoing

## Topic Overview

Students will explore key issues connected with data online, and will develop habits to protect their private information.

## Learning Targets

Private Today, Public Tomorrow

Students reflect on their responsibility to protect the privacy of others when posting information about them online.

Does it Matter Who Has Your Data?

Students consider the ways websites and companies collect data online and utilize it to personalize content for their users, as well as consider companies' motives in doing so.

Breaking Down Hate Speech

Students learn the definition of hate speech and understand how it affects individuals, groups, and communities.

Retouching Reality

Students think critically about the different purposes and contexts of digital image editing.

Collective Intelligence

Students consider both the benefits and drawbacks of using collective intelligence in different contexts.