

Nine Elements of Digital Citizenship

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The nine elements of digital citizenship are guidelines that when implemented prepare students to become full-fledged digital citizens. Some of the elements affect different grade level/age levels and others may be a main focus throughout the years. Remember that these elements are guidelines, not a set of rules, and that in order for technology users, our students, to develop a grounded understanding of the appropriate uses of technology; they need to be taught at school and at home.

Below is a summary of the nine elements of digital citizenship that have guided the development of the grade level scope and sequence charts.

- 1. Digital Access:** Schools will ensure that all students have equal or fair access to digital tools like: laptops, digital cameras, and the Internet.
- 2. Digital Commerce:** Students will learn how to become effective digital consumers while researching how society uses computers to buy and sell items online.
- 3. Digital Communication:** Students will learn appropriate uses for exchanging information using a variety of digital communication tools (email, cell phones, instant messaging, blog, wikis, etc.)
- 4. Digital Literacy:** Students will demonstrate an understanding of the basics of using a computer, evaluate online resources to make sure they are truthful and accurate, and utilize sophisticated search and process skills to quickly find specific information on the internet.
- 5. Digital Etiquette:** Students will use technology in a way that doesn't affect others negatively and respect others online by not posting information that is hurtful or untrue.
- 6. Digital Law:** Students will understand how to use and share music, photos, and movies legally, create original works that are free from plagiarism, and respect the integrity of networks in terms of data such as spam and viruses.
- 7. Digital Rights and Responsibilities:** Students will be aware of and follow Sturgeon School Division's acceptable use policy, and use technology responsibly.
- 8. Digital Health and Wellness:** Students will protect their physical well-being by using proper hand placement and posture when keyboarding, and balancing time spent using digital tools with time spent offline.
- 9. Digital Security:** Students will; protect their data by using secure and secret passwords, protect their personal security by not posting personal information online, and respect the privacy of others and the integrity of networks in terms of passwords and data.