



grades
K-12 **Digital Literacy and Citizenship Curriculum Preview**

“I had wanted to cover all these topics ... [I] was researching them and then got this curriculum, and it had everything!”

– Teacher, New York City

“WOW! We LOVE the way this curriculum actively engages young people in the process of learning about online safety and digital citizenship and puts them at the heart of generating real, practical, and meaningful solutions.

– Cyberbullyingnews.com

Why? Every day your K-12 students are tested with each post, search, chat, text message, file download, and profile they update. Will they connect with like minds, or spill TMI to the wrong people? Will they tap into their own creativity, or borrow ideas recklessly? Will they do the right thing, or take shortcuts? Our kids are living in an increasingly media-centric world. You can empower them to be safe, savvy, responsible, and respectful 21st-century citizens.

What? The Common Sense Media FREE Digital Literacy and Citizenship classroom curriculum consists of more than 60 lesson plans, student handouts, videos, interactive components, and parent-outreach resources that span grades K-12 and cover three topical areas: Safety and Security, Digital Citizenship, and Research and Information Literacy. More than 12,000 schools around the world are using Common Sense Media’s resources for educators. You can too! **The curriculum is:**

- » **FREE!** Developed with generous support from the MacArthur, Hewlett, and Sherwood Foundations
- » **Teacher-tested, student-approved:** Reviewed and tested by teachers, high school students, and content experts
- » **Research-based.** Informed by research from our collaborators, Howard Gardner’s GoodPlay Project at Harvard
- » **Video-rich, practical, and fun.** Has content, videos, and real-world scenarios for discussion and debate
- » **Flexible.** Lessons are modular - you can do all the lessons or just a few
- » **Standards-aligned.** Helps with E-Rate compliance; aligned to ISTE, AASL, and ELA Common Core standards

This chart provides a summary of the topics and developmental approach unique to grades 9-12.

TOPICS				
	Safety and Security	Digital Citizenship	Research and Information Literacy	Developmental Attributes
K-5	Avoiding strangers, guarding private information, staying safe online	Going online, being kind to others online, digital footprint	Simple searches, using keywords, signs of unreliable websites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simple and concrete • Story prompts and sentence starters • Fun illustrations for clarity • Wealth of parent resources
6-8	Judging inappropriate talk, creating strong passwords	Sharing and oversharing, digital footprint, cyberbullying, plagiarism	Keyword searches, finding credible websites, identifying ads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Model of moral and ethical thinking • Media-rich • Group work and collaboration • Critical thinking • Resources for parent involvement



9-12	Keeping financial information secure, recognizing phishing schemes	Digital drama, romantic relationships, sexting, building positive online communities, privacy, 21st -century creation	Advanced searching and research, evaluating the trustworthiness of Web content, distinguishing experts from novices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Model of ethical thinking • Media-creation opportunities • Stress on college and future • Emphasis on social networking and communications • Critical thinking and opportunities for real-world debate and discussion
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When? Sign up today at www.commonsense.org/educators to download grades K-8 online now. The complete K-12 Digital Literacy and Citizenship Curriculum will launch in the fall of 2011.

Where? Designed to work in a variety of classroom settings, including: Technology/Computer Lab, Guidance/Advisory, Library Media Center, Health and Wellness, Social Studies/Civics, ELA, and Homeroom

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