



EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

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East Allen County Schools Digital Citizenship Instruction Plan

East Allen County Schools is dedicated to providing a quality education to all students. A portion of that quality education is Digital Citizenship instruction, teaching our students to be responsible and informed digital citizens, connecting safely and effectively to the digital world. In order to accomplish this goal, students in grades K-12 will receive instruction for EACS teachers using the commonsensemedia.org Digital Citizenship curriculum.

East Allen County Schools Digital Citizenship Vision Statement

Each East Allen County Schools student will become a responsible and informed digital citizen, learning how to harness the potential of digital media in a connected world safely, effectively, ethically, and respectfully. In order to accomplish this goal, students in Grades K-12 will receive instruction on how to become a safe, responsible digital citizen, using the full Common Sense Digital Citizenship curriculum.

East Allen County Schools Digital Citizenship Information for Teachers and Parents

East Allen County Schools is now in its 5th year of teaching the CommonSenseMedia Digital Citizenship Curriculum to our K-12 students, and parents can access the website here: commonsensemedia.org. Recently, additional support has been added to the EACS website for teachers and for parents in the form of interactive blog widgets. Go to the EACS homepage, click on “Teachers” or “Parents”, and click on the Common Sense Media link. Once in the site, click on “blogs” and Teachers or Parents can follow blogs or find all sorts of teaching and parenting information, tips, and tricks provided by Common Sense Media. Additionally, EACS publishes Digital Citizenship articles in the EACS Administrative Bulletin and the EACS Technology Department Newsletter.

Teacher blog link: <https://www.commonsense.org/education/blog>

Parent blog link: <https://www.commonsensemedia.org/blog>

East Allen County Schools as a Digital Citizenship Certified District

Each school year, it will be EACS’s goal to become certified as a Digital Citizenship Certified District. Becoming certified requires a process of certification through commonsensemedia.org, and will be completed by the Director of Technology, the building principals, and the teachers of EACS.

Common Sense Media’s Digital Citizenship Curriculum, as used by EACS

In 2011, East Allen County Schools adopted Common Sense Media’s Digital Citizenship Curriculum, organized the lessons in a strategic manner, and each year the teachers complete the curriculum during the first semester. On the next page is a breakdown of all 68 lessons, with each lesson length between 45-60 minutes, beginning with one lesson in Kindergarten, and finishing with four lessons in 12th grade. A maximum of nine lessons during the middle school years emphasizes the need for middle schoolers and high schoolers to utilize digital media in a connected world safely, effectively, ethically, and respectfully.

<http://www.common sense media.org>
Digital Literacy and Citizenship in a Connected Culture

Grade	Each East Allen County Schools student receives between 1 (Kindergarten) and 9 (grades 6-8) Digital Citizenship lessons from EACS teachers, and up to 68 lessons if they attend EACS throughout grades K-12.								
K	A-B-C Searching								
1	Going Places Safely	Sites I Like							
2	Staying Safe Online	My Online Community	Screen Out the Mean	Using Keywords					
3	Keep it Private	Follow the Digital Trail	Show Respect Online	Things for Sale					
4	Talking Safely Online	You've Won a Prize!	Rings of Responsibility	Group Think	Right Sites	Rating Websites			
5	Powerful Passwords	Privacy Rules	Power of Words	Whose Is It, Anyway?	Choosing a Site Search	Advertising Detectives			
6	Strong Passwords	What's the Big Deal About Internet Privacy?	The Ups and Downs of Digital Life	Trillion Dollar Footprint	Chart It	Crawling the Web	Cyberbullying: Be Upstanding	Which Me Should I Be?	Rework, Reuse, Remix
7	Safe Online Talk	Digital Life 101	With Power Comes Responsibility	Secret Sharer	What's Cyberbullying?	Build Your Ideal Community	A Creator's Rights	How to Cite a Site	The Key to Keywords
8	Private and Personal Information	My Media	With Power Comes Responsibility	Top Secret	Cyberbullying: Crossing the Line	Forms and Norms	A Creator's Responsibilities	Sticky Sites	Identifying High-Quality Sites
9	Scams and Schemes	Private Today, Public Tomorrow	Turn Down the Dial on Cyberbullying and Online Cruelty	Building Community Online	Collective Intelligence				
10	Does it Matter Who Has Your Data?	Who Are You Online?	Turn Down the Dial on Cyberbullying and Online Cruelty	Copyrights and Wrongs	Retouching Reality				
11	Digital Life 101	My Online Code	Breaking Down Hate Speech	Strategic Searching					
12	Risky Online Relationships	College Bound	Breaking Down Hate Speech	Rights, Remixes, and Respect					