



Citizenship in a Virtual World

During this time of educational change digital citizenship is an important practice and benefits everyone as they engage and connect through eLearning.

Connect

Protect

Respect

Connect

- **Communicate Appropriately**

Use correct language for your audience. ● You will probably write or speak to a teacher differently from a friend. ● Respond to communication from your teachers in a timely manner. ● Keep school work separate from personal communication. ● Treat all conversations as learning opportunities.

- **Think Before You Post, Text, or Share**

Consider how you and others might feel before you publish a post. ● Your online behavior can create a lasting footprint, it's not easy to take back what you've said online. ● Take time to read and understand what is being said before commenting. ● Protect your reputation.

- **Collaborate and Contribute**

The Internet is a giant community, and you can make it a positive place to engage, explore, and create. ● Encourage all community members to share their ideas.

Protect

- **Keep Private Things Private**

Don't share personal information, including passwords, your home address, inappropriate images, and gossip.

- **See Something, Say Something**

If someone you know is being targeted by a bully, stand up for that person or report it to an adult.

Respect

- **Respect Others**

Read and reflect on the ideas of others. ● Be courteous. ● Respect others opinion and diverse points of view. ● Disagree politely. ● Use respectful language as if you were in a face-to-face classroom discussion.

- **Make Good Choices**

Be honest with others. ● Remember to give credit where credit is due. ● Avoid copying others' work and downloading without permission. ● Use appropriate sites and searches. ● Avoid fake news and check resources.

- **Follow School and Parental Guidelines**

Listen to teachers and parents when they tell you to avoid certain websites or limit screen time. ● Acting responsibly creates a better online experience.