

Digital Citizenship

Appropriate and Safe Uses of Technology

The Manson Northwest Webster Community School District believes an important aspect of 21st Century Learning is teaching our students to use technology responsibly, appropriately, and safely. This is referred to as Digital Citizenship. The standards and benchmarks below are the portion of the Iowa Core Technology Literacy that includes these matters. The standards in bold faced print and the benchmarks that are bulleted underneath describe the topics that are taught in each grade span K-12. These topics are embedded in units and lessons in all areas of the curriculum. The end of this document includes parent resources.

Grades K-2

Understand and practice appropriate and safe uses of technology.

- Understand that stealing information and things others have created is the same as stealing tangible items.
- Be aware of why it is unsafe for students to provide others with information about themselves.
- Demonstrate awareness of the importance of communicating with adults about things that might concern them.
- Understand why technology is useful in helping them complete a task.
- Use technology to explore personal interests.
- Demonstrate to others how to use technology tools in ways that assist, rather than prevent, others from learning.

Grades 3-5

Understand and practice appropriate, legal, and safe uses of technology for lifelong learning.

- Demonstrate awareness of the dangers of sharing personal information with others.
- Demonstrate an understanding of what electronic theft and plagiarism are and why they are harmful.
- Identify the positive values of using technology to accomplish tasks.
- Use technology to explore and pursue personal interests.
- Show others how to use new technologies, and use technology in a way that assists, rather than prevents, others from learning.
- Demonstrate an understanding of taking responsibility for their actions such as harassment/cyber bullying.

Grades 6-8

Understand the legal and ethical issues of technology as related to individuals, cultures, and societies.

- Use technology efficiently and in a manner that does not harm them or others.
- Demonstrate awareness of legal and ethical responsibilities when using copyrighted material, and how a disregard of legal and ethical responsibilities affects others.
- Use online resources to work with others to complete a task and accept responsibility for the results.
- Identify capabilities of contemporary technology resources.
- Develop examples of how technology systems and services can assist them in pursuing personal interests.
- Demonstrate an understanding of taking responsibility for their actions such as harassment/cyber bullying.

Grades 9-12

Understand human, cultural, and societal issues related to technology and practice legal and ethical behavior.

- Advocate and practice safe, legal, and responsible use of information and technology at an age-appropriate level.
- Exhibit a positive attitude toward using technology that supports collaboration, learning, and productivity.
- Demonstrate personal responsibility for lifelong learning.
- Exhibit leadership for digital citizenship.

Curriculum Resources:

Iowa Core 21st Century Skills – Technology Literacy:

Essential concepts and skills are from ISTE (International Society for Technology in Education) – NETS (National Educational Technology Standards) for Students

MNW Information Literacy Curriculum:

American Association of School Librarians – Standards for the 21st Century Learner

ISTE (National Educational Technology Standards for Students) – National Educational Technology Standards for Students – NETS

Nine Themes of Digital Citizenship – www.digitalcitizenship.net

Parent Resources

Google Family Safety Center

- Provide parents and teachers with **tools** to help them choose what content their children see online
- Offer **tips and advice** to families about how to stay safe online
- Work closely with **organizations** such as charities, others in our industry and government bodies dedicated to protecting young people

<http://www.google.com/familysafety/>

The Internet Survival Guide for Parent from Common Sense Media

Includes:

- Internet survival tips for kids, teens, parents, and teachers
- Internet by Age and Stage
- Additional resources and links

<http://www.commonsense.com/internet-safety-tips/>

Net Cetera: Chatting with Kids About Being Online (PDF)

A guide for parents to talk with kids about being online

http://onguardonline.gov/sites/default/files/articles/pdf/NetCetera_ChatingwithKids.pdf