CSDE Model Curricula Quick Start Guide

Using Digital Citizenship Curriculum K-12
Connecticut's public digital library of open educational resources by and for teachers

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Locating the course supports:

1. **Curriculum Video**
   How to use the Common Sense Education Digital Citizenship Curriculum.

2. **Resource Library**
   Select to find the link to Common Sense Education Digital Citizenship Curriculum site.

Selecting the Unit for access to Common Sense Education Digital Citizenship Curriculum:

1. **Select a Unit**
   The unit will open and the lessons will be listed on the right along with the resource library.

2. **Select the resource Library**
   Select "view" to be taken to the Common Sense Education Digital Citizenship site to access the curriculum.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: **Do I need to create an account?**

A: No, but verified teachers who create an account will have access to lesson plans and more.

Q: **How can I learn more about GoOpen CT?**

A: On the GoOpen CT homepage, there are four headings along the top. Select "Learn More" to find the Help Center.

Q: **Can I modify the unit(s)?**

A: Users cannot modify in CSDE-designed Courses and Units published in GoOpen CT. Users should consult local curricular leaders to understand the district curriculum development process before making a decision to modify or adapt. The process for implementation of the CSDE K-12 model curricula is a local decision.

Q: **What are the best ways to implement this curriculum in my classroom?**

A: The Common Sense Digital Citizenship Curriculum is thoughtfully aligned with Connecticut Core ELA and ISTE (2024), CASEL, AASL standards, and the Connecticut Elementary and Secondary Social Studies Standards, allowing for seamless integration into existing lessons. Here are some additional ways to integrate this curriculum across various content areas:

- **Social Studies:** Introduce the concept of media literacy, identifying credible resources, evaluating news sources and media content to understand responsible consumption of information, and analysis of media influence.
- **Science:** Incorporate lessons on ethical use of technology and digital tools in scientific research and data collection. Discuss the impact of technology on environmental studies and digital literacy in understanding scientific information.
- **Mathematics:** Use digital citizenship themes to teach data privacy and ethical data use. Integrate activities that involve analyzing statistics related to internet usage, cybersecurity, and digital footprints.
- **Arts:** Encourage students to create digital art projects that explore themes of digital citizenship, such as online safety, cyberbullying prevention, and responsible social media use. Discuss the role of digital media in contemporary art.
- **Physical Education and Health:** Integrate discussions about the effects of screen time on physical health, the importance of balancing online and offline activities, and the impact of social media on mental health.
- **Technology:** Engage students in discussions on safe browsing, digital footprints, cybersecurity, and creating a positive online presence.

Q: **Is there professional development from Common Sense Education Digital Citizenship Curriculum?**

A: Yes, there is a free training course: Teaching Digital Citizenship.

Q: **Does Common Sense Education have resources for teachers and district leaders to support families?**

A: Yes, there is a guide for schools, districts, and parent organizers: Engaging Families in Digital Citizenship.

Q: **Does Common Sense Education have tips and activities for families to use at home?**

A: Yes, there are resources for Family Engagement to use at home. All resources are available in both English and Spanish.

Q: **Are there informative posters to display in my classroom or school?**

A: Yes. Free classroom posters are available in English and Spanish for downloading and printing.