

Cybercitizenship

Everyone who interacts online is a citizen of cyberspace. As young people learn to navigate cyberspace in increasingly complex ways, it is imperative to teach them the tools of good cybercitizenship.

Cybercitizenship is more than just having the technical capacity to use technology. It also includes having the skills to critically evaluate material found online, protect personal or identifying information, practice courteous and responsible behavior towards other cybercitizens, and manage potentially risky or dangerous situations. In this way, young people are better equipped to maximize the benefits and minimize the risks of technology use.

<http://www.gadoe.org/Technology-Services/Instructional-Technology/Pages/Cybersafety-Guide.aspx>

Teaching Resource <http://cybersmartcurriculum.org/>

Cybersafety

Educating students about cybersafety and how to be an effective cybercitizen aligns closely with each of the key competencies identified in the Georgia Performance Standards, and is crucial for young students to master. As well, the values outlined in the curriculum align well with the concept of cybercitizenship, particularly those of integrity, inquiry, community and participation. The importance of incorporating such education is increasingly paramount as the sophistication of young people's cyber-literacy continues to develop.

Teaching Resource <http://cybersmartcurriculum.org/safetysecurity/>

Cyberbullying

With the ever-increasing availability of social networking and instant communication, the issue of misusing these technologies to intimidate, harrass, or ridicule others has become a big problem among students. Even if the behavior occurs off campus, it can still have a very significant negative impact on the school environment. Therefore, prevention of and response to this type of activity must be addressed as part of the curriculum.

Teaching Resources:

[Definition of cyberbullying from GaDOE](#)

[Cyberbullying prevention package](#)

[Cyberbullying and sexting presentation from GBI](#) (1 hour, 8 minutes)

["Cyberbullying At a Distance"](#)

Additional websites:

Georgia Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (<http://www.gaicac.us/>)

National Cyber Security Alliance (<http://www.staysafeonline.org/>)

NetSafe (<http://www.netsafe.org.nz/>)