



8TH GRADE DIGITAL LITERACY

with Ms. Ledina | 2024-2025

Welcome to 8th Grade Digital Literacy! This is going to be an intense yet enjoyable quarter-long class in which we will focus on (a) finding and consuming digital (and print) content, (b) creating digital content, and (c) the ability to share and communicate it effectively. ~Hiller Spires

Contact Info

- Ms. Pia Ledina, MLS, SLMS
- WMS Library Media Center
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Daily Materials Needed

You will come to class prepared each day. Supplies will not be handed out in class.

- Fully charged Chromebook
- Headphones/earbuds
- 3 ring pencil pouch with pens, pencils, highlighters, post-its
- Planner (school provided)

Grade Breakdown

- *Mastery (60%)*: Assignments that assess what you learned (tests, quizzes, major projects, etc.)
- *Progress (30%)*: Assignments that help you learn new skills/content (classwork, homework, etc.)
- *Responsibility (10%)*: Grade includes effort, prepared with daily materials, collaboration, Chromebook battery checks, etc.

Aspen Grading Codes

- **GIP**- GRADING IN PROGRESS
- **NHI**- NOT HANDED IN
- **EX**- EXCUSED
- **AB**- ABSENT

Essential Question:

How can digital literacy help me improve my academic studies and my life?

Units of Study

- Foundational Skills
- Digital Citizenship
- Practical Applications

Google Classroom

You will sign up for Google Classroom using the code provided in class. The Classwork thread and Stream will be updated by the beginning of every class with classwork. **It is the responsibility of students to look here to see what they missed if they are absent from class.** All grades will be posted in Aspen.

Late Work

- Once your work is completed, submit it as directed
- Email Ms. Ledina with the Lesson # you turned in late and reason for the lateness
- Points will be taken off of your weekly responsibility grade for late work

Extra Help

Extra help with Ms. Ledina is available weekly (upon request) on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays until 3:15 pm.

“RESEARCH IS FORMALIZED CURIOSITY. IT IS POKING AND PRYING WITH A PURPOSE.”

-ZORA NEALE HURSTON



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Expectations and Procedures

It is the responsibility of the student to follow each of these expectations and procedures. These are actions that will result in a successful experience in Digital Literacy.

Entering the Classroom/LMC

- Wait until the previous class is done before entering the classroom
- Quietly walk into classroom on time and take your assigned seat; if you are late, enter respectfully and place late pass on teacher's desk
- Check the front screen for directions
- SLANT: Sit up; Lean forward; Ask/answer questions; Nod your head; Track the speaker

District Norms

- Be Here
- Be Safe
- Be Honest
- Care for Self and Others
- Let Go and Move On

Special Note

We do not eat, snack, chew gum, or drink anything except water during Digital Literacy

Leaving the Classroom/LMC

- Please try to use the restroom before or after class
- If you must leave the teaching space, get a pass from the LMC Circulation Desk

Chromebook Expectations

- You are expected to follow the district Responsible Use Policy at all times
- You are responsible for bringing in a fully charged Chromebook every day - this will count as a Responsibility grade
- Only use Chromebook when instructed
- When you hear "go half-screen," close your Chromebook screen half-way

“RESEARCH IS SEEING WHAT EVERYONE ELSE HAS SEEN, AND
THINKING WHAT NOBODY ELSE HAS THOUGHT.”

-ALBERT SZENT-GYÖRGYI