Digital Citizenship 7th Grade Course Syllabus

Middle School, 15 Hours

Course Overview and Goals

Digital Citizenship 7th Grade introduces students to the core ideas behind protecting devices, networks, and personal information in a connected world. Through interactive lessons and real-world scenarios, students build problem-solving skills while learning about cyber threats, strong passwords, encryption, phishing, digital privacy, and responsible online behavior.

By the end of the course, students are prepared to navigate connected spaces confidently, safeguard their personal information and devices, and make responsible security decisions in an increasingly digital world.

Learning Environment

The course utilizes a blended classroom approach. The content is a mix of web-based and physical activities. The module in this course is broken down into lessons. Lessons are composed of short video tutorials, interactive learning pages, quizzes, explorations, and free-response prompts.

Prerequisites

Digital Citizenship 7th Grade is designed for students with little to no prior experience in computer science.

More Information

Browse the content of this course at https://codehs.com/course/28051/overview.

Course Breakdown

Module: Cybersecurity Basics (3 week/15 hours)

Students explore key areas such as personal data collection, the reliability of online information, cyber ethics and laws, personal data security, cybersecurity essentials, and strategies to combat common cyber threats.

Browse the full content of this unit at https://codehs.com/course/28051/explore/module/40350

Topics Covered	- Digital Footprint and Responsibility - Personal Data and Collection - Can All Information Be Trusted? - Cyber Ethics and Laws

	● Personal Data Security ● Cybersecurity Essentials ● Cyber Attacks and Prevention ● Cyber Smarts Awareness
Example Assignments	● Cyberbullying Case Study 　○ The following is a case study of a potential cyberbullying scenario. Read the scenario. Then, use the information from your Cyberbullying Notebook to guide you as you answer the reflection questions. ● Is it Share Worthy? 　○ Read through this infographic to learn what to look for to help decide if a website, video, or article you find online can be trusted as legitimate information. ● Ethics vs Laws 　○ Complete the matching activity to practice recognizing the difference between ethics and laws. ● Cybersmarts Awareness Project 　○ Create a Cyber Smarts Awareness project to teach your audience about your selected topic in digital citizenship or cybersecurity. You can select any of the topics covered in this unit.