CYBER CIVICS

The Cyber Civics[™] middle school digital literacy program meets an urgent and growing demand to equip young people with the skills needed to become ethical, knowledgeable, and empowered digital citizens. The complete program includes easy-to-access curriculum, resources, videos, and ongoing support for educators.



A Middle School Digital Literacy Program: Year 1

Year 1, recommended for 6th grade, focuses entirely on **Digital Citizenship: The norms of appropriate, responsible technology use.** With an emphasis on ethical and critical thinking, discussion and decision making through hands-on projects, problem solving, and role-play, this year can be taught entirely without technology. That's because experts widely agree that the most important new media skills are social and behavioral skills. The program includes a full year of weekly lessons with support. This is the foundational year of Cyber Civics[™] and is followed by "Information Literacy" (Year 2) and "Media Literacy and Hands-On Skills" (Year 3).

Available Here:

www.cyberwisecert.com/cyber-civicstm-teach-year-1



A Middle School Digital Literacy Program: Year 2

Year 2: Information Literacy, recommended for 7th grade, is now available! After many years of teaching Year 1, we realized that while it provides terrific foundational skills, it was not enough. After completing a year of "Digital Citizenship" students are ready and eager to learn more practical skills. Additionally, research indicates that while kids seem incredibly tech-savvy, few understand the core concepts of Informational Literacy: How to find, retrieve, analyze, and use information. Like Year 1, this program emphasizes ethical and critical thinking skills. It can be taught with or without technology.

Available Here: www.cyberwisecert.com/cyber-civics-teach-year-2

Finalist for the Project Tomorrow and O.C. Tech Alliance "Innovation in Education" award. To Get Your FREE Lessons Please Visit: <u>www.cybercivics.com</u> For more info please contact <u>support@cybercivics.com</u>



CYBER CIVICSTM IS IN THE NEWS (HERE ARE JUST A FEW EXAMPLES)



The Huffington Post: "Will Your Kids Be Getting These Digital Lessons This Year?" <u>http://huff.to/1uEtFwy</u> The Huffington Post: "Online Safety: What Does It Mean to You? <u>http://huff.to/1vx4TTb</u>

CNN

CNN: "Replace the 'Sex Talk" with the 'Tech Talk'" <u>http://cnn.it/1reUJoU</u> CNN: "Put that iphone Down! And 14 Other Resolutions for 2015" <u>http://cnn.it/1KtrN35</u>

REGISTER EDUCATION WEEK

Education Week & O.C. Register: "Teaching Technology in a No-Tech Classroom" http://www.ocregister.com/articles/kids-362616-school-online.html

FOX 31

Fox 31: "Chances Are Your Teen Has Sexted" http://kdvr.com/2014/11/18/chances-are-your-teen-has-sexted/



"Digital Citizenship Is As Important As Potty Training: Let's Start Cyber Civics Classes In All Schools": http://bit.ly/173WwV7



In "A Funny Thing Happens When You Teach Media Literacy: Kids Get Smarter": http://bit.ly/1AuzSyY

On Al Jazeera's "America Tonight":

"Journey School in Aliso Viejo, Calif., implemented a weekly course to help kids navigate the online world...a lot of young kids don't appreciate that what they post is permanent, and need to be taught about how their digital footprint will live forever. To get this message through to the kids, nothing beats peer-to-peer interactions."



Watch Here: http://bit.ly/1qBNGXy

On WWLP-22 News "Mass Appeal":

"We are not only citizens of the town, state, and country we live in, but also digital citizens in the online world. As such, how we interact with the community at large is an increasinglyimportant part of our lives. And just like a Civics class you may have taken in high school, every student in the near future will be taking a Cyber Civics class. It takes an iVillage to raise an online child."

Watch Here: http://wwlp.com/2015/01/06/be-a-digital-citizen/

ABOUT CYBER CIVICS™

al Be a 'Digital Citizen'

In 2010, Journey School, a Waldorf-inspired public charter school in Aliso Viejo, CA, took the bold step of devoting an hour per week in grades 6-8 to lessons on digital literacy — or what we call "Cyber Civics™." Here we are five and a half years later... this program has yielded outcomes that have exceeded our wildest expectations, it has been honored as an "Innovation in Education" finalist by Project Tomorrow and the O.C. Tech Alliance, and has attracted national media attention. We are excited to finally share Cyber Civics™ so that all students can learn these essential digital life skills. For more info please visit:



"Since cyber-life is imperative to a child's future, isn't it about time to demand that schools implement Cyber Civics classes?"