

# The Nine Stepping Stones of Digital Citizenship

Digital Citizenship is the norm of appropriate and responsible behavior in regards to the technology we use in today's society

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### DIGITAL ACCESS

Full electronic participation in our society

**Appropriate Use:** Libraries that offer internet access to everyone

**Inappropriate Use:** Lack of access to appropriate websites

*"Resources for Closing the Digital Divide" explains about changing the commonly found format of the "digital divide" and to consider resources that analyze how to improve digital access and help every student and educator progress in digital access. It helps show that anyone and everyone can participate in the digital world today, no matter who you are or where you come from.*

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### DIGITAL COMMERCE

Electronic buying and selling of products online

**Appropriate Use:** Selling or buying a item online that is listed under its true conditons

**Inappropriate Use:** Selling illegal items, drugs or pornography online

*"5 Resources for Digital Commerce Success" explains that with the development of the internet, digital commerce has become a fast-growing network, which discusses five resources for individuals who want to get involved in selling and buying on the internet in a smart way. It helps to explain to buyers and sellers on how to not get scammed or falsely advertise.*

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### DIGITAL COMMUNICATION

Electronic exchange of information

**Appropriate Use:** Exchanging information with someone you trust

**Inappropriate Use:** Giving out false information knowing it's wrong

*"Effective Communication in the Digital Era" explains how to communicate in today's digital world in a smart and safe way. This resource helps provide guidance to help people enhance their communication skills during the digital age.*

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### DIGITAL LITERACY

The process of teaching and learning about technology and the use of it

**Appropriate Use:** To obtain someone's permission

**Inappropriate Use:** Sending personal emails off one's work email all the time

*"U.S. Digital Literacy" explains the importance of digital literacy in education and in the work force, along with how it is important for any internet user. This resource helps explain how important it is to be educated in digital literacy.*

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## DIGITAL ETIQUETTE

Electronic standards of online behavior and conduct

**Appropriate Use:** Using polite language and being friendly to fellow bloggers

**Inappropriate Use:** Cyber bullying

*"Digital Etiquette: Are You a Digital Citizen?" explains the main idea behind digital etiquette is to treat others the way you would want to be treated. This resource puts cyber bullying and other harmful issues that occur on the internet in perspective to help prevent future outbreaks.*

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## DIGITAL LAW

Electronically responsible for one's actions and endeavors online

**Appropriate Use:** Citing one's sources on a research paper

**Inappropriate Use:** Plagiarism

*"Digital Law" provides current information on issues related to digital law. This resource gives an overview of what digital law is, ways to break those laws and their consequences if broken.*

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## DIGITAL RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Freedoms that everyone in the digital world is offered

**Appropriate Use:** Right to free speech online

**Inappropriate Use:** Posting obscene content

*"Digital Rights and Responsibilities: Are You a Digital Citizen?" explains that digital rights and responsibilities are "privileges" that a technology user must respect. This resource explains that one should become familiar with technology responsibility.*

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## DIGITAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Physical and mental well-being in the digital technology world

**Appropriate Use:** Using technology as a tool for school or work

**Inappropriate Use:** Computer addiction

*"Digital Citizenship: Digital Health and Wellness" explains how digital health and wellness focuses on using technology safely and appropriately. This resource explains how in today's digital age, it's becoming more and more necessary to inform students and children about the dangers involved with internet abuse.*

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## DIGITAL SECURITY (SELF-PROTECTION)

Electronic precautions to guarantee safety

**Appropriate Use:** Virus protection and data backups

**Inappropriate Use:** Uploading revealing images that one wouldn't want to go public

*"Digital Citizenship: Digital Security" explains the importance of protecting oneself on the internet. This resource explains how to protect one's identity by creating strong passwords and investing in virus protection programs.*