

# Digital Citizenship Parent Education Series

## Think about **Y**ourself!

Children need to learn to navigate the online world. Although children appear to use technology with ease and fearlessness, this does not mean they are effective or immune to the dangers. We need to teach them the “rules” of the road and support them to make safe decisions.

Children frequently join or download new tools for their devices. They also need to be aware of internet scams that may seek their personal information. Finally, many online social networking sites need to be understood better by students to help them navigate the private vs. public information they are sharing. As adults, we can also be more careful to protect our privacy online. Children should also be armed with media smarts and awareness to help them combat the many advertisements and messages they encounter online.



### Conversation Starters.....

- Am I careful to keep my personal information private online?
- What actions do I take to care for my personal devices?
- Do I balance my online activities with other interests?
- Am I aware of advertising and other images that may be intended to persuade me?
- When I share images, posts, or thoughts with my friends online, do I really understand which information is public or private?



### Online Resources.....

[ConnectSafely](#) is another comprehensive website with a variety of excellent tools for digital citizenship. Check out these Parent Guides for more education and conversation at home:

- [A Parent's Guide to Cybersecurity](#)
- [A Parent's Guide to Instagram](#)
- [A Parent's Guide to Snapchat](#)
- [A Parent's Guide to Facebook](#)



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While teachers stress the importance of the three areas of respect for “JOY” filled and responsible online behavior, parents can also help educate and discuss these issues at home. In this series, each of the three areas will be highlighted with questions and suggestions for educating your child about digital citizenship.