

To the library media specialists and staff of the Eau Claire Area School District, the term “Digital Citizenship” refers to norms for safe, appropriate, ethical, creative, and effective use of technology.

For our students, mastering these norms involves more than the successful completion of a standalone lesson or unit. Instead, practicing good digital citizenship is the ongoing development and demonstration of safe and responsible online behaviors; a commitment from staff and students to use technology in ways that enrich individual learning and participation in the digital community, while protecting the personal and property rights of the individual.

Paramount in the discussion of digital citizenship, of course, is the safety of our students. Topics in our digital citizenship curriculum include

- safe online behavior
- being aware of one's "digital footprint"
- cyberbullying, and what to do about it
- responsible use of intellectual property
- appropriate, effective, online collaboration with others

In addition, students are taught to use our core community values to help guide their online behavior. Compassion, courage, honesty, respect, responsibility, work ethic, and justice—all of these values contribute to the well-being of our global online communities, just as they have helped build our strong schools and local communities.

If parents or community members wish to learn more, they should feel free to contact their school's Library Media Specialist or the ECASD Library Media Coordinator.

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