# Help students be good digital citizens

**Before you...**

**THINK!**

**T** - Is it true?
**H** - Is it hurtful?
**I** - Is it illegal?
**N** - Is it necessary?
**K** - Is it kind?

**1.** Support and promote the use of technology as a positive learning tool.

**2.** Model and discuss the responsible and appropriate use of communication technology.

**3.** Establish rules for the use of technology in the classroom.

**4.** Be clear that inappropriate use of technology at school may result in the temporary confiscation of devices, or other consequences.

**5.** Ensure students know that recording or taking pictures of others, including staff, without their knowledge or consent is unethical and inappropriate.

**6.** Encourage students to keep personal information private. Recommend they do not share their full name, address, phone numbers or birth dates online.

**7.** Encourage students to use privacy settings on their social networks.

**8.** Ensure students are aware that all postings are public and permanent. Once messages or images are "out there," even on networks like Snapchat, they no longer have control over where it goes, or who sees it. Posts are never really deleted. They can be copied, photographed or saved.

**9.** Emphasize the need for students to maintain a positive "digital footprint." Once something is posted, anyone and everyone, can see it including future employers, schools, partners - and their family.

**10.** Encourage students to protect their friends online by practising the golden rule. Treat others they way you would expect to be treated when it comes to their "digital footprint."

# Online tips & tools

Students will be using technology for the rest of their lives.
You are in the great position of being able to help get them off to a
safe, positive, and responsible start as digital citizens.
These resources are offered to help you support students in safely
navigating technology & social media with
your students.

DIGITAL FOOTPRINT

**Get Cyber Safe**
Government of Canada's campaign
to educate parents and children
*www.getcybersafe.gc.ca*

**Office of the Privacy Commissioner**
To help advise youth about the importance
of privacy when using digital technologies
*www.priv.gc.ca/youth-jeunes/index_e.asp*

**Promoting Relationships and Eliminating
Violence Network (PREVNET)**
Research and resources
for bullying prevention
*www.prevnet.ca*

**Safer Internet**
European Commission's
Safer Internet Programme
*www.saferinternet.org*

**RCMP Centre for Youth Crime Prevention**
*www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/cycp-cpcj/index-eng.htm*

**Media Smarts**
Canada's Centre for Media
and Digital Literacy resources for teachers
*www.mediasmarts.ca/teacher-resources*

**Cybertip**
Canada's tipline for reporting the online
sexual exploitation of children
*www.cybertip.ca*

**Common Sense Media**
Tips for educators on digital literacy
and classroom curriculum materials
*w.commonsensemedia.org/educators/curriculum*

**Need Help Now**
An online resource designed to help youth
who have made the mistake of sending
sexual images of themselves to peers
*www.needhelpnow.ca*