

## Digital Literacy Resources for DigCit Week

October 18-22, 2021

DigCitCommit.org #DigCitCommit

The [DigCit Coalition](#) is a diverse group of tech, education, and media organizations hosted by ISTE, that convened in 2019 to engage educators, share best practices, and provide tools to promote a new definition of digital citizenship and well-being.

Coalition members include: ISTE, Google, KQED, HundrED, Team4Tech, Facebook Education, Common Sense Education, Digital Citizenship Institute, KidCitizen, Wiki Education, Los Angeles Unified School District, Caroline County Public Schools, Generation Citizen, Media Education Lab, National Writing Project, EVERFI, National Constitution Center, The National Institute for Civil Discourse, Newsela, DigCit Doctors, The Cyber Citizenship Hub, and BrainPOP.

As we prepare for DigCit Week, October 18-22, the coalition has prepared some helpful resources. Please consider sharing these resources with the hashtag #DigCit or #DigCitWeek

### Los Angeles Unified School District

For: Educators, Coaches, and Instructional Leaders

#### Digital Citizenship For Teachers, By Teachers

As part of their mission to advance digital citizenship practices among L.A. Unified educators and the broader education community, the Instructional Technology Initiative (ITI) has curated grade-span sets of digital citizenship lesson plans that are ready to be implemented in the classroom. These lessons are designed by ITI's Instructional Technology Facilitators with a particular focus on making them "for teachers, by teachers" as framed by the ISTE Educator Standard 3 Citizen: "Educators inspire students to positively contribute to and responsibly participate in the digital world."

These sets of 10 lessons per grade span will definitely inspire you and your students not just during the first ten days of school, or during Digital Citizenship Week, but all year-round! #DigCitLA [Learn more](#).

### DigCit Doctors

For: Educators, Education Leaders, and Curriculum Leaders

#### Digital Citizenship Curricular Framework

What grade level should we start teaching digital citizenship? How does it level from year to year? Does it align to any of my core curriculum standards?

We are often asked these questions by educators who want to "level up" digital citizenship instruction in their school or district. This curricular framework is designed to communicate the

scope, or “fullness,” of digital citizenship organized with strands, enduring understandings, grade level indicators, and guiding questions. The curricular framework also aligns digital citizenship skills with standards for core areas such as social studies, English language arts, and of course the ISTE Standards. You can download the Digital Citizenship Curricular Framework for free. [Learn more](#).

## CommonSense.org

For: Educators and Students

### Digital Citizenship Week

Common Sense Education has launched new Digital Citizenship Week activities for educators and students! This year’s theme is student well-being with a focus on social and emotional health. Using these activities, educators can help students reflect on how their digital lives impact their holistic well-being. On our updated Dig Cit landing page educators will find:

- Daily student activities and creation projects
- Professional development to kick-start a schoolwide digital citizenship plan
- An awareness kit to promote digital well-being school or districtwide

For more information, click on our [Dig Cit Week landing page](#) and see our week-long [elementary](#), [middle school](#), and [high school](#) activities.

## Newsela

For: Educators and Students

### #DigCitCommit Text Set from Newsela

The digital landscape is changing quickly. These changes are affecting the way people get their news, the way people communicate with each other, and even the way they play. How do these new forms of media bring people together? How do these digital platforms affect our wellbeing? What does digital citizenship look like in practice?

Newsela is proud to support ISTE #DigCitCommit in preparing students to stay safe, solve problems, and become a force for good. [Explore articles](#) related to each of the five #DigCitCommit competencies.

## BrainPOP

For: Educators, Students, and Parents

### Empower Careful, Considerate, Aware Digital Citizens

From digital etiquette to media literacy and more, the [BrainPOP Digital Citizenship Collection](#) encourages kids to adopt productive media consumption and engagement practices. It also weaves in essential SEL competencies, like social awareness and responsible decision-making, which are key to success at school, at home, and beyond.

Students can watch movies to build background knowledge, play learning games, and express understanding by making their own BrainPOP-style movies, developing concept maps, and building coding projects.

Educators can explore turnkey [pacing guides and lesson plans](#) for grades K-8, and a 5-month [digital citizenship unit](#) for grades 3-5.

## KQED

For: Educators

### Help Students Become Engaged Digital Citizens

[KQED](#) provides educators with free tools to help develop students' ability to analyze and evaluate information sources and create media that powerfully communicates their ideas.

- [KQED Learn Discussions](#) engage and connect students to one another on topics like [media and technology](#).
- [Youth Media Challenges](#) give students the opportunity to tackle big issues and build their media literacy and critical thinking skills. [Check out student media highlights](#).
- [KQED Teach Media Academy for Educators](#) offers free online courses that prepare educators to effectively and meaningfully analyze, evaluate and make media with students.

## The Cyber Citizenship Hub

For: Educators, Parents

**The Cyber Citizenship Hub on OER Commons** aims to provide a one-stop-shop for PreK-12th grade educators (including teachers, librarians, instructional technologists, and others) who are seeking instructional materials to help students develop resilience to misinformation and disinformation. Consider it an ever-growing searchable online library of curated resources submitted by educators and educational publishers.

In addition to the hub, we also have a Discord channel developed by graduate students from the University of South Florida. Teachers, librarians, and researchers are all welcome to join our community discussion group on Discord. Our Discord community is a constantly growing space where educators bring their ideas about the hub and share information on the field of cyber citizenship education. Educator focus groups are also hosted once a month with teachers and librarians virtually to provide feedback on the hub and initiative efforts. Continuing education credits have been offered to educators in Florida through Operation K12.

- [Explore the Cyber Citizenship Hub on OER Commons](#)
- [See our July 2021 New America-Cyber Florida Cyber Citizenship Report](#)
- [Join our educator community discord channel](#)
- [Sign up to join our monthly focus groups](#)

## ISTE

For: Educators, Education Leaders, Students, and Parents

### Digital Citizenship in Action

Digital citizenship is about more than online safety. It's about creating thoughtful, empathetic digital citizens who can wrestle with the important ethical questions at the intersection of technology and humanity.

In this 15-hour self-paced course, you'll learn how to teach and model digcit so you can help students be responsible and active in online communities. [Learn more.](#)

More resources from ISTE:

- Areas of focus: [Digital citizenship](#)
- [Digital Citizenship Lessons Start With a Simple Conversation](#)
- [How States Can Support the Next Generation of Digital Citizens](#)
- [7 Tips and 1 Activity to Help Digital Citizens Engage With Empathy](#)
- [Top 10 Sites To Help Students Check Their Facts](#)
- [Civic Engagement Goes Viral When Young Voices Turn to Social Media](#)
- [How to Empower--Not Scare--Parents About Digital Literacy](#)
- [Reflective Observation Essential Part of Digital Citizenship Lessons](#)
- Infographic: [I'm a Digital Citizen](#)
- [Digital for Good: Raising Kids to Thrive in an Online World](#)

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