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What is Digital Citizenship?

Digital Citizenship is a positive approach to helping children learn how to be safe and secure, as well as smart and effective participants in a digital world. That means helping them understand their rights and responsibilities, recognize the benefits and risks, and realize the personal and ethical implications of their actions online. Helping a child become a good digital citizen cuts across all curricular disciplines and includes building knowledge, awareness, and skills developed by both school and home.

Family Contract for Digital Citizenship ***Parents’ Pledge***

1. I will get to know the services and Web sites my child uses. If I don’t know how to use them, I will take the time to learn how.
2. I will teach my children to understand that other people do not have the same access to technology. I will demonstrate to my child that all technology users should be treated the same.
3. I promise to teach my child when and how to use digital communication methods. I understand that technology may not always be the best way to interact with others.
4. I will help everyone in our family to understand that our technology usage affects others. I will help my child to understand they need to act the way they want to be treated.
5. I will try to get to know my child’s “online friends” just as I try get to know his or her other friends. I will explain that to have rights online there are certain responsibilities as well.
6. I will also make sure that my children have limits on the time they can use technology as not to become addicted to the technology.
7. I will spend time to teach my child to protect their technology and data by having adequate virus, spyware and adware software. I will also show that that having protection is important for all technology.

I agree to the above

_____ Parent(s)

I understand that my parent(s) has agreed to these rules and agree to help my parent(s) explore and use technology with me.

_____ Child

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Family Contract for Digital Citizenship Childs' Pledge

1. I will remember that not all people have access to or utilize technology in the same way. I will not treat others differently if they do not have the same options.
2. I will tell my parents or other responsible adult right away if I come across any information that makes me feel uncomfortable. I understand that to have technology rights that I have to be responsible in my actions as well.
3. I will tell my parents if I experience any pain or discomfort when using technology. I will remember that I need to balance technology use with other activities.
4. I will not respond to any messages that are mean or in any way make me feel uncomfortable. It is not my fault if I get a message that is not appropriate. If I do I will tell my parents or responsible adult right away so that they can contact the proper groups.
5. I will treat others the way that I wish to be treated when using technology. I will keep in mind that my technology use affects others.
6. I will check with my parents before downloading or installing software or doing anything that could possibly hurt our computer or jeopardize my family's privacy. I will also keep programs such as anti-virus, spyware and adware up-to-date to protect our information.
7. I will be a good online citizen and not do anything that hurts other people or is against the law.
8. I will help my parents understand how to have fun and learn things online and teach them things about the Internet, computers and other technology.

I agree to the above

_____ Child sign here

I will help my child follow this agreement and will allow reasonable use of digital technology as long as these rules and other family rules are followed.

_____ Parent(s) sign here