

# Digital Citizenship Parent/Guardian Resource



The Maynard Public Schools are working on a public service announcement (PSA) video that will identify our efforts in class with students around digital citizenship. Our students are in school approximately 6 hours a day and awake at home about 10 hours a day. Therefore parents and guardians are our partners in teaching students digital citizenship. We are providing this parent/guardian resource document so that we can all work effectively together to develop our students into good digital citizens.

## What is Digital Citizenship?

As defined by Wikipedia:

*[A digital citizen refers to a person utilizing information technology in order to engage in society, politics, and government. K. Mossberger, et al. Define digital citizens as "those who use the Internet regularly and effectively".]*

## Resources Links:

### 1. MediaSmarts (<https://mediasmarts.ca>)

*"MediaSmarts is a Canadian not-for-profit charitable organization for digital and media literacy. Our vision is that children and youth have the critical thinking skills to engage with media as active and informed digital citizens."*

This site is full of information and even some games and activities for students to practice good digital citizenship and literacy. Activities are broken down by category and grade level.

### 2. Common Sense (<https://commonsense.org>)

*"Common Sense is the leading independent nonprofit organization dedicated to helping kids thrive in a world of media and technology. We empower parents, teachers, and policymakers by providing unbiased information, trusted advice, and innovative tools to help them harness the power of media and technology as a positive force in all kids' lives."*

This site has a unique rating system for website, tools, and online resources your student might use. You can use this information to find age and content appropriate websites for your student.

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