









PART 1 Common Sense Education Review





What is a Common Sense District?

Common Sense Districts

Earning recognition as a Common Sense District shows your community that it is dedicated to redefining the way students interact with technology and helping them harness the full power of technology for learning. Reaching Common Sense District status takes a dedicated group of leaders to ensure at least 50 percent of schools have met the Common Sense School criteria. If applicable, the district must have a plan to reach the remaining percentage of schools over the next two years.





Why Seek Common Sense Education Recognition?

Why become a Common Sense District?

Being a Common Sense District is an official stamp of recognition from Common Sense Education. If your district is integrating more technology in the classroom, receiving Common Sense Recognition demonstrates to parents your district's commitment to teaching students to use their devices in enriching and responsible ways. Further, our criteria helps your district keep valuable federal support for technology while turning your students into safe, smart, and responsible digital citizens!







What Are the Specific Recognition Requirements?

What is a Common Sense District?

This is an official stamp of recognition from Common Sense Education for districts that are dedicated to teaching digital citizenship to young people and to taking a whole-community approach. Specifically, this program recognizes districts where at least 50 percent of their schools in the first year meet Common Sense School Recognition by using the Common Sense Digital Citizenship Curriculum, Digital Passport™, Digital Compass, and/or Digital Bytes, as well as engaging parents and educating them about media and technology issues. The district must also have a plan for the remainder of its schools to reach Common Sense School status over the next two years.

What's the process?

For your district to become a Common Sense District, at least 50 percent of your schools must have met the Common Sense School criteria before you apply.









PART 2 Common Sense Education Status







Individual Recognitions at CEMS

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Pond Cove Certification Application Excerpt

Pond Cove School: May 2018 CSE Recognized School

"As a K-12 1:1 District, we are in constant discussions with teachers, students and families about the best ways to maximize the benefits of educational technology while minimizing its distractions, misuse and overuse. To demonstrate our commitment to best practices and provide an excellent framework and reference point for our decisions, CSE Recognition would direct our community focus to the exact tools we need to continue our work of pursuing education technology excellence."





CEMS Certification Application Excerpt

CEMS: May 2018

CSE Recognized School

"Our family events have focused on everything from Hour of Code to Digital Citizenship, from Standards-Based Education enhanced by technology to Digital Portfolios. More than the events themselves, these -- and the corresponding lessons in our 5-8 classrooms, have created conversations that simply were not happening that now extend into our families' homes and online lives. These conversations have also spawned movements like #CapeCares in which the focus of social media has been directed on positive contributions to our community instead of on negativity or "empty" content."





District Certification Application Excerpt

Cape Elizabeth Schools: May 2018 CSE Recognized District

"Our District Technology plan outlines five goals for 2017-2020:

Increasing staff professional development for technology
Training teachers to use Common Sense Media and similar
curriculum to teach cyber safety to all students.
Utilizing Learning Management Systems (such as Google
Classroom and eBackpack) to enhance collaboration among
teachers, students, administrators and parents
Repurposing our traditional computer labs and increasing the
integration of technology in the classroom.
And, maintaining and sustaining technology infrastructure and
equipment for students and staff.

FMI, please see 2.2 of: https://www.capeelizabeth.com/news/2017/docs/2017-2020LearningTechnologyPlan.pdf"







Common Sense Education Recognition

What Are Cape Elizabeth's Objectives and Benchmarks?

2.2 Common Sense Media Certification		Benchmarks	
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100 % of students will be instructed using technology integrated practices in core subject areas on a daily basis.	50 % of teachers will use Common Sense Media or similar curriculum to teach cyber safety to all students.	75 % of teachers will use Common Sense Media or similar curriculum to teach cyber safety to all students.	100 % of teachers will use Common Sense Media or similar curriculum to teach cyber safety to all students.

Cape Elizabeth School Department Learning Technology Plan July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2020





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Fantastic Growth Areas Include:

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Resisting the Irresistible: Understanding & Combatting Addictive Technology

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Wednesday, June 6th at 6:30 PM in the CEMS LLC

Discussing IRRESISTIBLE
The Rise of Addictive
Technology and the Business
of Keeping Us Hooked

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