

The 9 Themes of Digital Citizenship and their Issues

Theme:	Amount of emphasis:	Topics to cover:
1. Digital Etiquette	Light	Common courtesies when using cell phones, texting, computers Issues: cyberbullying, flaming
2. Digital Communication	Medium	Means of communication: texting, cells, chat rooms, discussion boards, IM, social networking sites, blogs, email. Issues: when is it appropriate; when is it too much
3. Digital Literacy	Medium	Web site credibility & evaluation, use of search engines, formats of info (blogs, podcasts, database portals)
4. Digital Access	Light	Equitable access to digital tool: The Digital Divide Issues: availability, affordability, access for those with special needs or low-income
5. Digital Commerce	Medium	Online retailers, auction sites, secure payment transactions, comparison shopping online, spyware , identity theft
6. Digital Law	Heavy	Legal use: downloading of copyrighted material Issues: online file sharing (P2P sites), pirating of software, music, movies
7. Digital Rights & Responsibilities	Heavy	Your personal rights to and what you're held responsible for Issues: AUPs, citing sources, plagiarism, viewing inappropriate sites, threats, sexting
8. Digital Health & Wellness	Light	Computer ergonomics, amount of time spent online
9. Digital Security	Heavy	Hardware & network security: hacking, viruses, malware. Privacy: identity theft, phishing, online stalking, posting personal info.