



# FEATURES OF DIGITAL CITIZEN

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# INTRODUCTION

- Strongly expanded information and communication technology (ICT) has changed life, people and era. Anymore, ICT has become the sine qua non of our lives. Upon this change, using digital tools is increased, primary requirement for individuals is being to use ICT effectively not only for entertainment but also searching for and sharing information, communication, access, law and consumption. The changing era with ICT has led to the exchange the characteristics of individuals and upon this the characteristics of the community. Digital era that digital tools are widely used is endeavoring to create digital citizens from the digital society. Schuler(2002) defined digital citizens as “the characteristic of a genuine digital city”. Digital citizen is generally identified as “those who use the Internet regularly and effectively” (Mossberger, Tolbert & McNeal, 2011).



# Characteristics Of A Positive Digital Citizen

- A positive digital citizen:
  1. Advocates for equal digital rights and access for all.
  2. Treats others with respect in online spaces and never cyberbullies.
  3. Does not steal or damage others' digital work, identity or property.
  4. Makes appropriate decisions when communicating through a variety of digital channels.
  5. Uses digital tools to advance their learning and keeps up with changing technologies.
  6. Makes responsible online purchasing decisions and protects their payment information.
  7. Upholds basic human rights in all digital forums.
  8. Protects personal information from outside forces that might cause harm.
  9. Proactively limits health risks of technology, from physical to psychological.

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- The digital citizen is a person who uses information technology (IT) to get involved in society, politics and government. As Karen Mossberger, author of "Digital Citizenship: The Internet, Society, and Participation", defined, digital citizens represent "those who use the internet regularly and effectively." They also have a comprehensive understanding of digital citizenship, which is the right and responsible behavior when using technology



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- Digital citizenship assesses how a person responds to the way he or she is treated within a digital community, which often requires the participation of all community members, both visible and those who are less visible. Much of being a responsible digital citizen encompasses digital literacy, etiquette, online safety, and distinguishing between private versus public info. People who characterize themselves as digital citizens often use IT, creating blogs, using social networks and participating in digital journalism. Although digital citizenship begins when any child, adolescent and/or adult signs up for an email address, posts images online, uses e-commerce to buy goods online, and/or participates in any electronic function that is B2B or B2C, the process of becoming a digital citizen goes beyond simple activity on the internet.



# The 9 features of a good digital citizen students should know about

- Here is a new visual from ISTE on the concept of digital citizenship. The visual outlines some of the features characterizing 'good' digital citizens based on attributes of good citizens. The elements of digital citizenship, according to ISTE, "are not so different from the basic tenets of traditional citizenship: Be kind, respectful and responsible, and just do the right thing". The ideas are pretty basic and will definitely give students a very good initiation into this huge concept of digital citizenship. I would suggest that you print it off and use it in class.



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- Here is a brief overview of the 9 features characterizing good digital citizens as displayed in the visual below:
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