

# What is Digital Citizenship?

Let's face it.... Our students are living in a new era, with technology being a part of their every hour. From smart phones, to computers, social media to internet streaming, everywhere you turn there is a digital presence. At Sunset we want to ensure that students are not only safe when using technology, but responsible and thoughtful in how they use it. Being a good digital citizen is many things..... safe use of the internet, knowing your way around the web, building a reputable "Digital Footprint" and connecting and collaborating in ways you didn't even know were possible!

We teach all students, grade level appropriate curriculum, to be good digital citizens. We aim to create a positive school culture that supports safe and responsible technology use. Did you know that employers and universities comb through an applicant's digital footprint when looking at applications? Teaching students to post and comment responsibly is one example of curriculum taught. As a family do you:

- *Ever want strategies on how to limit screen time?*
- *Argue with your student about what they are looking at or posting?*
- *Wonder what video games are right for your student?*
- *Interested in knowing who is looking at your student's digital footprint?*

Then you should check out [www.commonsense.org](http://www.commonsense.org) This site has some amazing resources for parents. These resources can be found on our school website as well! You can also print a copy of "the Family Media Agreement" that walks you through a discussion as a family about what your family believes to be appropriate technology use. Thank you for your partnership in creating **AWESOME DIGITAL CITIZENS!**