Project Template for DonorsChoose.org: Digital Citizenship iBooks Textbooks

Title: Help my students use technology safely and responsibly!

Sub-header: All students can be good digital citizens if given the chance

My Students

My students are growing up in a 24/7 digital world, and like the average American kid, are spending up to 9 hours a day watching videos, playing games, posting photos, and connecting with their friends through social media. And that's just out of school! During school, I use iPads with my students to engage them and enhance their learning. But I know that for them to really use technology to its fullest potential-- both in and out of school-- my students need the skills to use it safely and responsibly. I want them to think critically about what they're seeing and creating, and treat others with respect. These skills are essential for kids to have in our constantly connected culture. In other words, they need to be good digital citizens. Even though my students know a lot about technology, they don't know the ins and outs of digital citizenship.

My Project

I would like to use a research-based Digital Citizenship Curriculum from Common Sense Education to teach my students how to think critically, behave safely, and participate responsibly with technology. The curriculum addresses issues like internet safety, cyberbullying, privacy, information literacy, online relationships, creative credit, and more. The curriculum is engaging for students because it includes real-world examples and media-rich activities that emphasize skill building, critical thinking, ethical discussion, media creation, and decision making. It also is aligned to standards for English Language Arts, so I can meet state standards at the same time. The curriculum is available in an interactive and multi-touch iBooks Textbooks format, so students get to learn and practice their digital citizenship skills using the devices they engage in everyday.

The iBooks Textbooks from Common Sense also include materials that I can share with my students' families, so that they can learn about digital citizenship too and reinforce learning at home. There are also training materials, which will help me learn how to most effectively implement the curriculum with my students.

Using this curriculum will help all my students learn how to be good digital citizens, and allow them to harness technology for learning and life!

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