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The Wentzville School District strives to teach students to make good decisions so they can take full advantage of the powerful technology that fills their lives and our world. In order to make the right choices, they must understand as much as possible about their responsibilities and how the digital world works. Children's technological abilities can sometimes eclipse their maturity and judgment. Their ultimate success will depend on their ability to use digital media responsibly to create, collaborate, and communicate well with others.

Digital Citizenship is a concept that helps individuals learn how to be safe, secure, and effective participants in a digital world. Responsible digital citizenship helps students successfully navigate a society full of technology. Students use their computers to do their homework, but they also use them to socialize, stream video, and share pictures. Media devices have become extremely powerful and portable. Phones aren't simply for phone calls but for listening to music, sending texts, filming videos, sharing photos, and accessing the Internet.

The Digital Citizenship training and agreement are designed as part of the WSD campaign to teach students how important it is to protect their safety, their identity and their digital footprint. All students in grades 6-12 in the WSD will view the informational video and be asked to sign the Digital Citizenship Pledge. This video is intended to help students understand their rights and responsibilities, recognize the benefits and risks, and realize the personal and ethical implications of their actions. The video addresses several key digital citizenship areas:

- Cyber Safety being safe online
- Digital Footprint & Digital Legacy understanding that everything that's posted online is forever
- Digital Copyright awareness of ownership of materials
- Sexting –texting inappropriately with text and/or pictures

You can access the video for 6th grade on the District website at http://wentzville.k12.mo.us/file.php/57/DigitalCitizenshipVideoGrade6.mp4 and the video for grades 7-12 at http://wentzville.k12.mo.us/file.php/57/DigitalCitizenshipVideoGrades7to12.mp4.

The Digital Citizenship Pledge addresses six key principles:

- 1. Respect Yourself
- 2. Protect Yourself
- 3. Respect Others
- 4. Protect Others
- 5. Respect Intellectual Property
- 6. Protect Intellectual Property

Please support your student in helping to create an online world that's responsible and respectful, while making the best possible use of current and emerging technology.