MCPS Cybercivility Task Force

Charge

The MCPS Cybercivility Task Force will develop strategies to encourage healthy online decisions/behaviors by students and adults and create/evaluate tools that schools, parents, students, and community members can use to foster a culture of cybercivility.

Goals

- Empower students to lead conversations
- Support home/community conversations
- Provide/review tools, resources, speakers, trainings
- Increase staff awareness and capacity
- Promote Cybersafety and student well-being

We envision the MCPS community (as outlined in the Strategic Planning Framework) will increasingly demonstrate the following competencies:

- Value and respect diversity and differences
- Make constructive and healthy decisions that promote hope, personal well-being, and social behavior
- Build their resilience, perseverance, self-awareness, and growth mindset
- Enhance social awareness, including collaboration, empathy, and relationship-building skills

Critical to Quality

- Task Force members commit to meeting at least once a month with additional meetings as needed
- Full participation of all members from April until August
- Openness to new ideas and difference of opinions
- Work collaboratively with the school system as well as other experts
- Respect/value student involvement and perspective

Suggested Deliverables

- Common definition of cybercivility
- Communications materials
- Discussion materials/toolkits to enable conversations
- Website with resources for parents/students
- Guidelines for staff/student behavior
- Curricular materials

Suggested Subcommittees

- Curriculum/Social Emotional Well-Being
- Marketing and Communication Strategies/ Materials
- Parent/Community Outreach
- MCPS Guidelines/Research
- Student Engagement
- Technology/Cybersafety

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