

Digital Citizenship and Common Sense Media

Partnership with Common Sense Media (from the MCPS website): MCPS has launched a new partnership with Common Sense Education that will provide students with the resources and information they need to behave safely and responsibly with technology and social media. The Digital Citizenship Education Program is being offered in all middle schools this year and will extend to students in all grade levels over the next three years. The curriculum will cover issues such as privacy, cyberbullying, internet safety and other digital dilemmas.

Who is Common Sense Media? Common Sense Education provides high-quality digital literacy and citizenship programs to educators and school communities. Together, they work to empower students to harness technology for learning and life. The free resources include ratings and reviews of digital tools, a comprehensive K–12 Digital Citizenship Curriculum, ready-made lesson plans, videos, webinars, and more.

In the **For Parents** section of **Common Sense Media** website:

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/>

- Reviews, top picks and family guides for movies, tv, games, books, websites, and apps.
- Articles and resources on media-related parent concerns, such as technology addiction, cyberbullying, privacy and internet safety, and social media usage.
- Blogs for parents and caregivers.
- Research on many topics related to children and media

In the **For Educators** section, there is also a family toolbox.

<https://www.commonsense.org/education/connecting-families/share> There are many resources here including parent advice videos, family tip sheets, and so much more. Check out the “**Digital Glossary**” to help decode your teens’ shorthand in the digital world.

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/educators/digital-glossary>

It’s never too late to speak to your child about Cyber Safety!

You can visit the Montgomery County Public School web site under student tab and find links to CyberSafety and current policies and regulations (**IGT-RA**).

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/info/cybersafety/>