TOP 4

Things School Districts Need to Know About Digital Citizenship Education

1 Top-level leaders need to be on board

Top-level leadership is critical in establishing the right culture. If digital citizenship isn't emphasized from the very top levels of school and district administration, then it's easy for educators to focus only on core subjects instead. And they need to make sure educators have the skills and knowledge they need to teach this essential topic.

59%
of librarians said the biggest challenge is that digital citizenship is not part of the curriculum

Digital citizenship should be integrated into the curriculum across all subjects & grade levels. K–12 leaders should define goals and standards for what students should learn about digital citizenship at each grade level, as well as goals for how to assess what students have learned.

2 It needs to be part of the curriculum, across all grades and subjects

32%
of students get digital citizenship instruction only once per semester

Digital citizenship instruction should be a total team effort. K–12 leaders should build opportunities for teacher-

3 It should be a team effort

librarian collaboration into the school schedule, such as during PD days or common planning time.

School systems should involve parents as full partners. Educators, librarians, and administrators should help parents teach and reinforce digital citizenship skills at home by providing ideas and examples for how to do this effectively.

4 Make parents your partners

Is Your School Keeping Up with Digital Citizenship Instruction?

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