

## Digital Citizenship- Teaching a time and place. Using our tech as tools

Otherwise called "Teaching Digital Executive Functioning"



### Objectives for Today



- 1) Supporting a student's Digital Citizenship and Executive Functioning are key in preparing our students for life after school.
- 1) Learning at least 1 new strategy/routine/app to incorporate digital executive functioning in your life

## What is Digital Citizenship

**Digital citizenship** is the norms of appropriate, responsible technology use

There are 9 elements to digital citizenship but we will focus on 3 today:

Digital Literacy      Digital Communication      Digital Etiquette

**Digital Communication:** What do we use to communicate with others digitally (email, text, cell phones...etc)

**Digital Literacy:** How to use the tools.

**Digital Etiquette:** Who do we effect when we use these tools. This is the way we act, respond, and are perceived when using technology.

## What is Executive Functioning?



**Executive function and self-regulation** skills are the mental processes that enable us to plan, focus attention, remember instructions, and juggle multiple tasks successfully. Just as an air traffic control system at a busy airport safely manages the arrivals and departures of many aircraft on multiple runways, the brain needs this skill set to filter distractions, prioritize tasks, set and achieve goals, and control impulses.

(<https://developingchild.harvard.edu/science/key-concepts/executive-function/>)



### Poor Executive Functioning Played Out Digitally

Posting on social media without understanding the consequences...

Making accusations or demanding questions on-line

Taking pictures and sending them to others. Not knowing what is appropriate to share

Setting up a non professional email account (ie. Bailey.unconsider@gmail.com)

Email... not sharing plans with others

Email... not responding in a timely manner

Talking to others on social media or gaming without knowing who they are

Claiming lack of sleep and being absent in class or missing work

Emotionally responding in a digital format (email, social media, texting, etc)

Public versus private information to share

Emotional Outbursts when posts are placed upon a timeline

Sharing activities or not completing assignments to a timely manner

## Executive Functioning Digital Citizenship

There is a big gap between how students navigate the world and the technology that is so readily available.

We need to teach not only digital citizenship, but how their actions affect the digital world around them. Both present situations and future opportunities.

While we teach this with all students, our students take longer to process and integrate this into their routines.

## What to teach

- Teaching Self talk- "Is this something I want my employer to see/hear"
- Teach Perspective taking
- Establishing Routines- i.e Check my email everyday at 7am.
- Set a timer/alarms/reminders
- Creating Checklists
- Teach how to lose graciously
- Safe and Not Safe?
- Mentorship- who's your tech mentor?



## How to Teach



Setting up weekly meeting times (tech tuesday, meme monday)

Training our staff/families on these skill sets first

Setting up professional accounts (gmail, calendar, etc) Linking up these accounts with trusted people and why?

Working with routines to develop professional skill sets (i.e when you get an email....Read, Review, Respond)

Setting parameters of what to write in emails/resumes/etc

AT Tools to support learning- how to use them effectively (Prizmo, speech to text, text to speech)

## Apps and Extensions to support Digital Citizenship/Executive Functioning

**iOS**

**Reminders**-Embedded To do list with alerts.

**Calendar**-Use the embedded calendar for reminders, alerts, and travel time to get to places.

**Awesome Note**-This app is a combined calendar, to do list, and reminders app in one.

**Chromebooks**

**Connected Mind**: Perhaps some students are not list makers- this offers a mapping / web option for organization

**Stay Focused**

**Session Buddy**

## Apps and Extensions continued

**Android**

**Awesome Note** -This app is a combined calendar, to do list, and reminders app in one.

**Hooks**- Helps you use the alerts embedded on Android phone more effectively.

**Evernote**- List making and accessible on any device.

**All devices**

**Google Keep**- A note taking and to do list. Keep offers a variety of tools for taking notes, including text, lists, images, and audio.

**Seeing AI**- Reads text and documents.

**Forest**-Helps stay on task and off websites or phone. For every tree successfully grown in app, a real tre is planted.

## Useful tools to teach Digital Citizenship

**General Digital Citizen Sites:** Common sense media- [Commonsense Media](#)

9 Themes of Digital Citizenship - [Digital Citizenship](#)

**Youtube videos:** [Be a Digital Citizen](#)

[Dave's Internet Safety Tips: For Teens:](#)

**Social Media Links:** [Facebook Safety](#)

**Email:** [Google Safety Center](#)

[Cognitopia website-](#)