MEDIA LITERACY

—— Flashcard Deck ——

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Media Literacy Matters

In today's connected world, it's vital that young users understand how to think critically about what they see online.

To help you get started, we've designed these flashcards covering the key principles of safety and literacy.

Each card provides a simple definition and starter question to help your child begin to learn and talk about media literacy.

It's important to have more than one conversation on safety topics, and we encourage you to visit fosi.org/parenting to learn more and find additional resources and tools to help continue building skills.

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

What is Digital Citizenship?

Digital citizenship may be defined as:
The responsible use of technology when interacting with others, including kind and positive conduct.

START THE CONVERSATION WITH...
What examples have you seen online of your friends behaving responsibly?

START THE CONVERSATION WITH...
What does being a digital citizen mean to you?
How can you be a better digital citizen?

ONLINE SAFETY

Staying Safe Online

There are so many opportunities to learn, explore, and create in digital spaces. But just like in the physical world, safety has to come first.

Get started with these basics:

- Use strong passwords that are easy for you to remember, but hard for others to guess. Check for software updates regularly to ensure you have the most up-to-date privacy and security settings for your system.

- Be mindful of who you make contact with and allow to see your online activity.

START THE CONVERSATION WITH...

What are you doing to keep yourself safe online?

ONLINE PRIVACY

Protecting Your Details and Data

An important part of connected life is privacy - knowing how much to share and with whom. Review your privacy settings regularly and make sure you're not posting any sensitive information that you don't want others to see, including personal information a stranger could use to identify you.

- Keep track of who is allowed to see your posts or activity, and make sure your online community is made up of people you trust.

- Think critically about the platforms you use or apps you download. Make sure you understand any data you're giving up to use them.

> **START THE CONVERSATION WITH...**
> How can sharing too much affect you?

> **START THE CONVERSATION WITH...**
> What type of content do you share the most?

ONLINE RESPONSIBILITIES

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Be Responsible Online

Being a responsible digital citizen means applying the standards of behavior we follow in the real world to the digital world.

You should report problems, bullying and abusive behavior, inappropriate images or content online. Keep yourself and others safe when issues arise, and use the tools provided by platforms to discourage bad behavior.

START THE CONVERSATION WITH…

What do you do when you see behavior or content online that may be inappropriate?

MISINFORMATION

Be Informed, Think Critically

Being able to analyze and make decisions about the purpose of the information we consume is a key part of being media literate.

With so much content just a click away, critical thinking skills – recognizing suspicious emails, websites, or online advertising – are important parts of successfully navigating the online world.

For further reference, check out Critical Thinking to Improve Media Literacy

START THE CONVERSATION WITH...
How can you make good decisions online?

START THE CONVERSATION WITH...
How can you tell when something online is suspicious?

You Are What You Type

Your digital footprint is more than a picture or a post - it's about how you present yourself online.

Before you post, share, or comment, ask yourself if it's something you're okay with friends, family, teachers, or potential employers seeing or knowing about you.

START THE CONVERSATION WITH...

If someone found a profile of yours online, what would they say about you?

POSITIVITY & CIVILITY

Pledge To Do Good Online

The Internet gives everyone a platform and a voice. From simply complimenting a friend to starting a big movement, the opportunities to do good are limitless.

START THE CONVERSATION WITH...
What is the best example you've seen of someone using their online power for good?

Take a Break

Staying connected and informed feels great, but it can mean a lot of time on screens. Balance is the best approach to using technology responsibly, so it's important to learn when it's time to put the devices down and disconnect.

START THE CONVERSATION WITH...

What are your favorite tech-free activities and how often do you do them?