

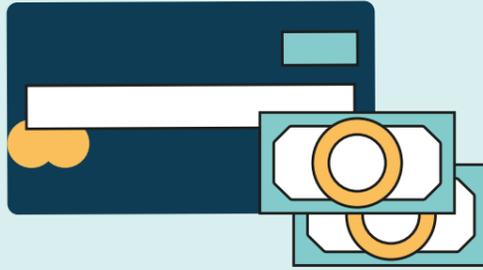
# THE 9 THEMES OF DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

Digital Citizenship is the responsible and meaningful use of technology to engage in society.



## Digital Access

These days, most people have access to the internet, but it's not the same for everyone. We should take into consideration the fact that socio-economic status and/or location mean that some people do not have the easy access to technology as we do.



## Digital Commerce

We can buy virtually anything we like online and have it delivered to our homes. However, there are risks involved with online purchasing, so it's important to be aware of this and look for secure payment sites that protect our information – and our money!



## Digital Communication

The internet has made it easier than ever before for us to communicate and exchange information. However, being aware and being careful of what we share can mean we avoid dangerous and embarrassing situations that could affect us in the future.



## Digital Literacy

Being digitally literate helps us to study and work effectively. For example, learning how to conduct useful online research, identify reliable/unreliable sources and use standard software packages (e.g. Microsoft Office) are all vital skills.



## Digital Etiquette

As social media use escalates, being careful about how we conduct ourselves on the internet is more important than ever. Behaving appropriately, respecting others, and being responsible while posting and sharing online are all good guidelines for safe use.



## Digital Law

This field covers hacking, identity theft, plagiarism, or theft of intellectual property. As technology develops, legislation is changing all the time, so keeping ourselves informed and up-to-date about what is legal and acceptable is key.



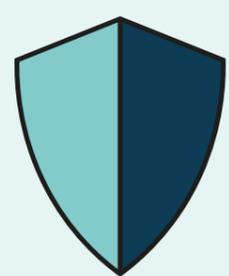
## Digital Rights & Responsibilities

Our digital rights and responsibilities include things like privacy and freedom of speech. However, it's important to go about practicing these rights in a respectful and responsible manner – and defend or report instances that threaten them.



## Digital Health & Wellness

All users of technology should be aware of the effect that this can have on their physical and emotional well-being. Many of us spend many hours each day looking at screens, so being aware of the effect of this on the human body and mind is crucial if we are to remain healthy.



## Digital Security

The web is full of risks and dangers. But, by being aware and taking precautions (i.e. using effective passwords, credible websites and protecting devices with firewalls and anti-virus software), we can go online with some degree of protection.