

Windham Central Supervisory Union Digital Citizenship Data Report

The Project: This year, Digital Wish taught its Digital Citizenship Course in five schools in the Windham Central Supervisory Union, targeting 196 students in grades 3-6. The students were given a standard curriculum covering digital citizenship, cyber safety, and media copyright. The curriculum was developed through the School Modernization Initiative, a program that has deployed one-computer-per-child programs across more than 30 schools in New Hampshire and Vermont.





About the Survey: The survey data was collected through anonymous surveys conducted on <u>www.surveymonkey.com</u>. The data is self-reported by students who participated in the project. <u>Digital Wish does not make conclusive research-based claims</u>. If you would like to cite this study, please credit: © Digital Wish 2013



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wishes through its online network of over 62,000 teachers, and delivered over \$13 million in technology products to American classrooms directly impacting over 500,000 students. <u>Read our research</u>.

The Digital Citizenship course is available here:

http://www.digitalwish.com/dw/digitalwish/product?id=6555



Summary of Results

After just 4 class periods of training, over a 5-week period:

- The number of students who know what being a good Digital Citizen means, tripled from only 31% to 96% after the Digital Citizenship course.
- Students have become more confident with protecting their personal information on the Internet, with the number of students who consider themselves an expert almost **doubling**.



- 80% of students now consider themselves experts in knowing how to safely use the Internet, to treat other people with respect on the Internet, and to protect their personal information on the Internet after taking Digital Citizenship.
- Prior to Digital Citizenship, 34% of students had no idea what types of media they could not access online. **80% now consider themselves experts**.
- While 69% of students now practice being a good Digital Citizen themselves, over **60% of students also encourage others to use the Internet safely** as well.

Understanding Digital Citizenship

We asked the students "Do you know what being a good Digital Citizen means?"



Only one in three students could answer "Yes" before the course, but after the Digital Wish training, nearly all students understood what it means to be a good Digital Citizen.

Understanding Digital Citizenship Skills

Students were asked to rate how much they know about, or practiced these individual skills related to Digital Citizenship.



The average rating was higher in every single skill, after the Digital Wish training.



After Digital Wish's training, less than 4% of the students answered "I don't know how to do this" for all 3 of the skills listed above.



Students who responded, "I do this every chance I get." when asked "How much do you do the following?"



Comments included:

- It's good information to learn to keep safe and I think it's a whole lot of fun and helpful and I can tell my brothers and sisters about what I learned and how I can keep them safe. Thanks for all your help Digital Wish. I thank you a lot for all your help and I will keep my brothers and sisters away from danger. Thanks a lot I appreciate your help. (:
- I liked everything about "Digital Wish" from the Faux Paw videos to the skits we did and I was taught well!
- My favorite thing I learned about Digital Citizenship is how to be safe on the internet and how to treat people well on the internet.

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• I liked watching the Faux Paw videos to add some humor into learning about how to be safe on the internet and know my rights and responsibilities online.

- I liked the skits because we worked together and still used digital citizens! I also enjoyed Faux Paw!
- My favorite thing that I learned was that you can't post music on YouTube or other sites unless you contact the artist or if you change the words
- Doing the skits were fun but the thing I learned is that you really need to be careful on the internet.



If you have Internet access at home, what type of device

Do you participate in Social Networking? (Facebook, Twitter, etc.)



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