

# Teaching Our Children to Be Responsible Citizens in a Digital World

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# What is 'Digital Citizenship'?

## Digital Citizenship

Digital citizenship is term that describes responsible online behavior and appropriate use of technology (Ribble, 2008).

“[D]igital citizenship is a developmental process of critical thinking, self-reflection, and maturation. Learning digital citizenship is a lifelong journey” (Bailey & Ribble, 2005 p. 38).

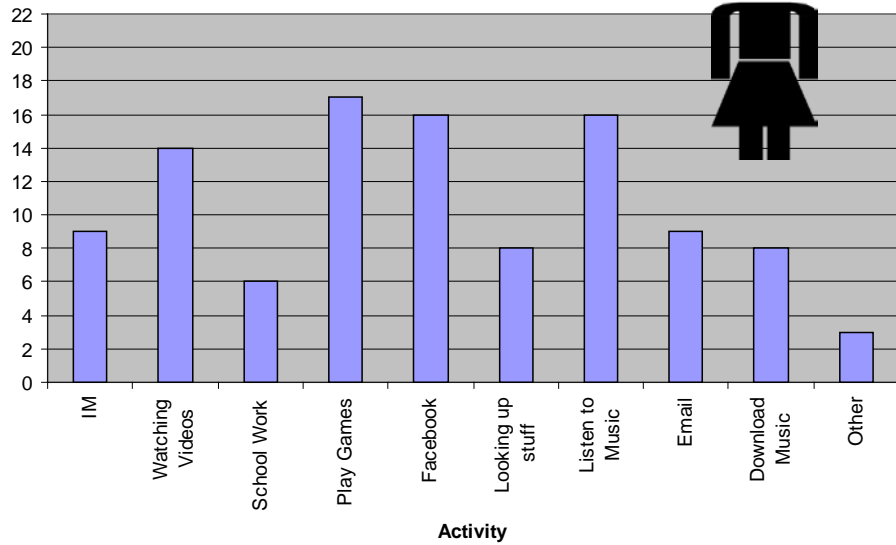
# Cyber Bullying vs. Bullying

- Anonymous in nature
- Infinite audience and lifespan
- Victims cannot escape abuse

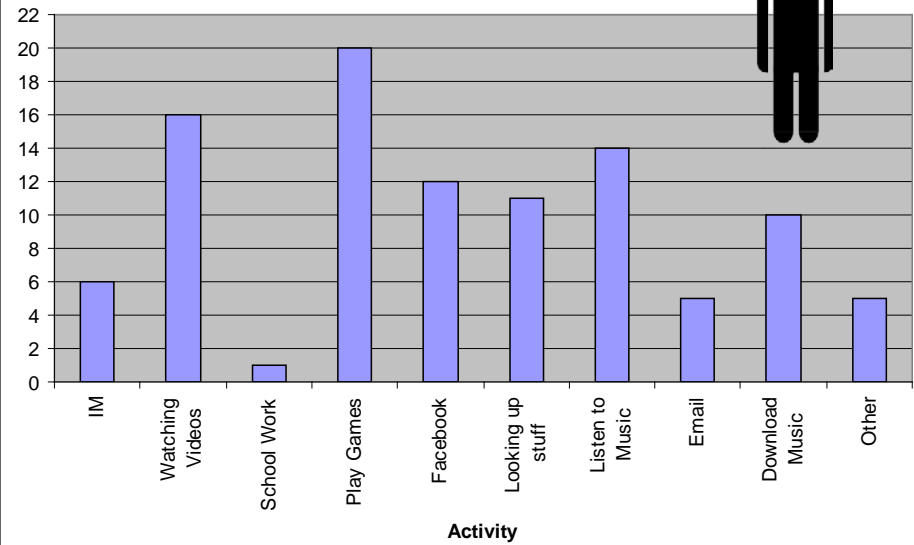
# Findings

## Preferred Online Activities

Online Activity - Female



Online Activity - Male



# Findings

## Cyber Bullying – Victims

- 40.9% been victimized
  - 7 females (5 – once or twice, 1 – a few times, 1 – many times)
  - 11 males (7 – once or twice, 4 – a few times)
- 22.7% have been victims of other forms of bullying

# Conclusions from the Findings

- Majority of students have internet access from home, often unsupervised
- Text messaging is a common form of communication
- Half of respondents were aware of cyber bullying instances
- 40.9% had been victims
- 15.9% were cyber bullies

# Resources

- [Internet Savvy](#)

Internet Savvy is an online course published by the Government of Alberta that focuses on a range of digital citizenship topics. It provides parents and caregivers with practical tools and tips to protect their children online.

- [Common Sense Media](#)

A great resource for parents and kids that provides a lot of information about how kids are using devices in school and out, as well as weekly newsletters updating parents on the latest video game and movie releases that their kids might be viewing.

- [Other Digital Citizenship Resources](#)

Parents and students can access the resources on this page to learn more about digital citizenship geared towards the specific age/grade of the child.