Digital Citizenship
My Online Code
Notes

Vocabulary:

Ethics:
- A set of principles and morals governing people's behavior, including honesty and respect towards others

Online Ethics:
- A set of principles and morals governing people's behavior as it relates to the Internet and digital devices

Digital Citizenship:
- Navigating the digital world, safely, responsibly and ethically

Four topics that are key to online ethics include:

1. **Privacy:** Respecting the privacy of others online
2. **Self-Expression and Identity:** Presenting yourself in an honest and genuine way in the online world
3. **Connected Culture:** Treating others in a kind and respectful manner, and avoiding Cyberbullying
4. **Respecting Creative Work:** Giving credit to others and/or asking their permission when you use their work as part of your own

Examples of *Ethical Behavior* online include:
- Protecting your privacy
- Presenting yourself sensibly and appropriately
- Treating others with respect and kindness
- Getting credit for your work and citing that of others

Examples of *Unethical Behavior* online include:
- Sharing embarrassing information about someone in an online forum
- Creating a profile with false information and tricking people with it
- Posting a cruel remark about someone on a social network
- Using the work of someone else in a mash-up without citing it

Guidelines that could be put into place in schools to encourage students to become better *Digital Citizens* include ideas such as:
- Form a peer advising group to help students having problems online
- Institute anonymous reporting of harmful incidents
- Include anti-cyberbullying language in school policy
- Have a clear school policy on plagiarism, including guidelines for students to follow.

A good *Digital Citizen* should:
- Respect other people's privacy online
- Represents himself/herself honestly online
- Posts things that won't harm himself/herself or others
- Properly cites the work of others for assignments