

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; defining term; directing  
8 State Department of Education to develop best  
9 practices and recommendations for instruction in  
10 digital citizenship, internet safety, and media  
11 literacy; establishing deadline for best practices  
12 and recommendations; requiring Department to consult  
13 with certain experts; providing minimum criteria for  
14 best practices; including certain recommendations;  
15 requiring annual review by school district of certain  
16 policies and procedures; establishing criteria for  
17 annual review; authorizing promulgation of rules;  
18 providing for codification; and providing an  
19 effective date.

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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

26 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
27 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 11-301 of Title 70, unless there  
28 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

29 A. As used in this section, "digital citizenship" means the  
30 norms of appropriate, responsible, and healthy behavior related to  
31 current technology use, including digital and media literacy,  
32 ethics, etiquette, and security. Digital citizenship also includes  
33 the ability to access, analyze, evaluate, develop, produce, and  
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1 interpret media, as well as internet safety and cyberbullying  
2 prevention and response.

3 B. By December 1, 2023, the State Department of Education, in  
4 consultation with experts in digital citizenship, internet safety,  
5 and media literacy, shall develop best practices and recommendations  
6 for instruction in digital citizenship, internet safety, and media  
7 literacy.

8 C. Best practices developed by the Department shall include, at  
9 a minimum:

10 1. Information that provides guidance about thoughtful, safe,  
11 and strategic uses of online and other media resources; and

12 2. Instruction on how to apply critical thinking skills when  
13 consuming and producing information online.

14 D. Recommendations from the Department may include:

15 1. Revisions to the subject matter standards for educational  
16 technology;

17 2. School district processes necessary to develop customized  
18 district policies and procedures on electronic resources and  
19 internet safety; and

20 3. Best practices, resources, and models for instruction in  
21 digital citizenship, internet safety, and media literacy.

22 E. Beginning in the 2024-2025 school year, a school district  
23 shall annually review its policy and procedures on electronic  
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1 resources and internet safety. As part of the review, the school  
2 district shall:

3 1. Involve a representation of students, parents or guardians,  
4 teachers, librarians, other school employees, administrators, and  
5 community representatives with experience or expertise in digital  
6 citizenship, media literacy, and internet safety issues;

7 2. Consider existing school district resources; and

8 3. Consider best practices, resources, and models for instruction  
9 in digital citizenship, internet safety, and media literacy, including  
10 methods to involve parents or guardians.

11 F. The Department may promulgate rules to implement the provisions  
12 of this section.

13 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

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