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Office of Curriculum and Instructional Programs
MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Rockville, Maryland

October 11, 2018

MEMORANDUM

To: High School Principals

From: Betty J. Collins, Acting Associate Superintendent

Subject: INFORMATION: Digital Citizenship Program Implementation

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide you with an update on the Digital Citizenship Program for the 2018–2019 school year. In 2016, Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) partnered with Common Sense Education to deliver digital citizenship curriculum to students beginning in middle school. Last year, the program expanded to include high school students in Grade 9. In 2018–2019, high school students will continue to engage with the digital citizenship curriculum, and the program now includes all students in Grades 9–10. Each year as high schools meet the minimum curriculum requirements, they are recognized as Common Sense Education schools for digital citizenship. Seven high schools achieved recognition earlier than expected by meeting the minimum requirements for students in Grade 9 and exceeding requirements by implementing digital citizenship curriculum with students beyond Grade 9 (Attachment). Implementation of the digital citizenship curriculum at each of the seven high schools helped the district attain recognition with Common Sense Education. Our goal is to have all high schools meet the minimum curriculum requirements in the 2018–2019 school year. As high schools continue with implementation, media specialists continue to serve as the key contact at each school.

Summary

- MCPS and Common Sense Education are committed to working together to provide schools and educators within the district the necessary tools, training, and support to: (1) empower students to think critically, behave safely, and participate responsibly with technology as part of the district’s Digital Citizenship Initiative, and (2) effectively integrate technology into the classroom to improve student outcomes.
- As part of the district’s Digital Citizenship Program, Common Sense Education will provide high-quality digital citizenship materials to schools to use with both students and families. A whole-community approach to digital citizenship is an implementation model that involves student instruction, family engagement, and educator professional learning and support.
• Implementation of the digital citizenship curriculum will be a shared responsibility of media specialists, school counselors, and teachers in digital literacy, English, health, and social studies. Media specialists will serve as the key contact at each high school and will receive professional learning during the school year to support the coordination of implementing the digital citizenship curriculum.
• Digital citizenship content will be embedded within existing curriculum giving each student in Grades 9–10 a minimum of 3.75 hours of instruction over the course of the school year.

Questions
• Questions should be referred to Ms. Latrice D. Rogers, assistant to the associate superintendent for curriculum and instructional programs, Office of the Chief Academic Officer, at 240-740-3970 or via e-mail.

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Attachment

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