Idaho State University | Albion Center for Professional Development

Digital Literacy and Citizenship
Course Syllabus

Course Description

The purpose of this professional development course is to guide educators through the benefits of integrating technology into their teaching practices while exploring how to leverage digital tools to enhance learning experiences. Through practical strategies, participants will learn how to differentiate instruction, create dynamic and interactive lessons, and effectively meet the diverse needs of their students. A special focus will be placed on teaching digital literacy and citizenship, ensuring students develop essential skills for navigating the digital world responsibly. Teachers will also explore how AI tools can enhance the elementary classroom, simplify lesson planning, and improve classroom efficiency. Additionally, the course will provide guidance on using technology for real-time assessment and feedback, helping educators track progress and support student growth. By the end of this course, teachers will be empowered to integrate technology into their classrooms, promoting a learning environment that is both innovative and responsive to the needs of all students.

This course enhances classroom teaching effectiveness and supports improved student outcomes by introducing new knowledge in integrating technology, digital literacy, and responsible digital citizenship into teaching practices.

Course Objectives
At the end of this course you should be able to:

1. Understand the principles of digital citizenship and its relevance in modern education.
2. Explore strategies to teach and promote online safety for students of all ages.
3. Understand digital footprints and their implications for personal and professional online presence.
4. Identify strategies to prevent and respond to cyberbullying while promoting positive online interactions.
5. Develop strategies to teach students how to navigate, evaluate, and create digital content effectively.
6. Understand copyright, fair use, and ethical considerations in digital content creation.
7. Explore the role of AI tools in education and guide students in using AI responsibly and effectively.
8. Develop strategies to empower students to become responsible and active participants in the digital world.

Modules
- Module 1: Foundations of Digital Citizenship, Quiz 1
- Module 2: Online Safety, Quiz 2
- Module 3: Understanding Digital Footprints, Quiz 3

- Module 4: Cyberbullying and Online Etiquette, Quiz 4
- Module 5: Digital Literacy, Quiz 5
- Module 6: Ethical use of Digital Resources, Quiz 6
- Module 7: Leveraging AI in the Classroom, Quiz 7
- Module 8: Empowering Students as Global Digital Citizens, Quiz 8

Grading

Each quiz must be passed at an 80% or higher (three attempts allowed).

Format

This is a self-paced, asynchronous (no required live meetings) course. Throughout the PD course, you will find it helpful to take notes along the way to assist with the quizzes. Within each module, you will find reflection assessments that are not graded but will help in your journey through the course. There is an interactive forum in the course to help you connect with peers and instructors, share ideas, and collaborate on best practices throughout your learning journey.