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Navigate the Digital Rapids

How can we teach digital citizenship when the digital landscape is changing so rapidly? How can we teach students in the st... outside our control? Will encouraging students to engage in global collaborative environments land teachers in hot water? These are the questions we hear from our peers in the world who are grappling with such issues in administration and teachers' meetings every day.

Digital citizenship is far more than digital literacy, just as 21st-century skills encompass more than "skills." Digital citizenship is not about adding more things to do or a stagnant curriculum that you can use for the next 10 years. It is transforming yourself into a professional who can effectively research technology trends, monitor the uses of technology in your school or district, avoid the fear factor that can easily paralyze you, and empower student-centered learning to create more exciting learning projects. In the book on becoming a digital teacher, we offer some advice to consider and pitfalls to avoid.

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...tize. In the book *Grown Up Digital: How the Net Generation Is Changing Your World*, author Don Tapscott cites customization as one of the characteristics of this generation. Students expect on customized tools, such as mobile technology, and customized learning environments. They reject one-size-fits-all curricula that go unchanged for a year.

Teachers must customization and customize standards at the same time. Meeting standardized learning outcomes does not mean you have to standardize the process. In fact, involve students in studying topics they care and interests.

globally connected projects, each student's learning experience becomes markedly different, and each classroom becomes a unique place that meets and standards can coexist and lead to rich learning.

Digiteachers use digital tools like colors on a painter's palette, mixing them in a variety of ways to create pictures of learning. Digiteachers do not let standardized outcomes limit them; they meet the outcomes with artistry. Good administrators empower the digiteachers in their and c... the learning styles and interests.

Of course, the first step t... tening" your classroom is t... ed yourself. Connectin... to other classrooms requir... have a good understand... technologies, espe... the collaborative Web 2.0 t... as wikis, Nings, and blogg... forms. They need to develo... personal learning network... some understanding of wh... nected learning looks like ... hard... be engaged. U... an educational network to ... learning in a classroom is ...

Flat Classroom Projects

Julie Lindsay and Vicki Davis started the Flat Classroom Project (www.flatclassroomproject.org) in 2006 to bring ... school students in a global collaborative network is for educators who want ... learning through global collaboration. It is a place to connect with other educators and collaborate ... globally minded. The idea is to use Web 2.0 tools, such as wikis and Nings, to "flatten," or ... the classroom walls so that instead of each ... working alone, two or more classes join virtually to become one large classroom.

The topics studied and discussed are real-world scenarios based on the book by Thomas Friedman, *The World Is Flat*, which was the inspiration for the project. Students analyze the ... information technology and research the effects on the future of education. Classrooms are flattened as teachers blog, share personal learning networks via Nings, collaborate on wikis, and reach out to those who share a curricular perspective.

Several other projects have evolved out of the Flat Classroom Project:

Net Generation Education. Formerly called ... Web collaboration and video. Tapscott posts weekly questions to the discussion forum ... messages to the students, and hosts a webinar. Find more info at http://netgened.wiki...

Teen ... ... discussion. It culminates with each school taking action within its own community to ...

Digparent. This network for parents and teachers is a place to share resources glob... while exploring the best ways to communicate digital citizenship ideals across ... a virtual world component. Middle school students used VoiceThread to debate the top... Make Us Stronger." Find more information at www.eracismproject.org.

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