# Support Students Becoming Responsible Digital Citizens

**This guide is designed to help educators recognize, respond to, and proactively address irresponsible digital behavior in their classrooms.**

Learn more about digital responsibility in this Fly Five article.

**Signs of Irresponsibility as a Digital Citizen**

1. **Disrespectful actions online:** Students using inappropriate language on digital platforms, speaking poorly about their peers online, or displaying distracting behavior in online classes or sessions.
2. **Oversharing:** Students sharing their personal information online or in public spaces.
3. **Plagiarism:** Students being dishonest about their academic contributions, using others' work without permission, or not giving proper credit.
4. **Cyberbullying:** Engaging in cyberbullying or actions that exclude their peers in group activities online.

**Responding to Misbehavior Effectively**

1. Have conversations with your students to help them understand what they are doing and how to correct their behavior.
2. Create discussion opportunities that allow students to discuss and reflect on their actions.
3. Create a "What Would You Do?" scenario-based activity to help students practice responding appropriately online.
4. Facilitate group discussions or debates on real-world examples of digital misconduct.

**Proactive Solutions for Educators**

1. **Establish Guidelines**: Set and review clear expectations for online behavior to encourage students to be respectful and responsible.
2. **Teach about Digital Responsibility:** Teach students about ethical online behavior and how their actions can impact your classroom.
3. **Monitor Students:** Continuously monitor students' online activity and address inappropriate actions.
4. **Collaborate with Families:** Share resources with families to continue learning about responsible digital citizenship at home.