



---

**Sterling Elementary School has been recognized as a  
Common Sense Certified School**

Digital media and technology are evolving at a dizzying pace, both unlocking extraordinary opportunities and posing real risks for young people. Students are using the immense power of the Internet and mobile technology to explore, connect, create, and learn in ways never before imagined, both in and out of the classroom. But issues that emerge from this 24/7 "connected culture," such as cyberbullying, privacy lapses, and uncertainty about which information to trust online, are surfacing both in schools and at home.

Sterling Elementary sees these as teachable moments. We believe that digital citizenship skills have become essential for students in the 21st century, especially in schools like ours that are using technology to transform learning. That's why we are committed to teaching our students how to think critically, behave safely, and participate responsibly.

Our commitment to teaching young people how to be safe, responsible digital citizens is why we have just been approved as a Common Sense School. This honor recognizes our efforts in teaching digital citizenship to young people and engaging the entire school community in this important discussion to create a culture of digital learning and citizenship.

This honor is provided by Common Sense Education, part of a national nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of kids and families by providing the trustworthy information, education, and independent voice they need to thrive in a world of media and technology. We are one of the more than 100,000 schools across the country that use Common Sense Education's resources. As a result, our students are better equipped to navigate the digital world and use devices for learning.

To learn more about the criteria Sterling Elementary met to become certified as a Common Sense Certified School, visit <http://www.common sense media.org/educators/certification>.