

Digital Citizenship Event



Ask Before You Tell (10 minutes)

ASK:

What would you do if someone you don't know sent you an email or an instant message asking for your address or phone number?

Students should be aware that they shouldn't give out this information online.

EXPLAIN to students that it is important to keep certain information private whenever they are using the computer. They will learn some rules to help them do this.

ENCOURAGE students to share examples of when they or someone they know has filled out a form asking for private information. Students may mention filling in their name and class at the top of student handouts or tests. They also may have seen their parents fill out permission slips or other types of forms.

SHOW students an online form that asks for private information.

ENCOURAGE students to look over the form, naming the different pieces of information it asks for.

ASK:

Do you think this is private information?

Students should recognize that things such as an address, telephone number, and email are private.

How is filling in private information on a form like telling it to a stranger in person?

Students should understand that when they give out information on the computer, it can be viewed by people they don't know.

GUIDE students to understand that children should never fill out forms like this one on their own. Only adults should fill out forms that ask for private information.