

Needham Public Schools

Digital Literacy

Here's a glimpse into how this work will be unfolding:

- **At the elementary level:** Our instructional technology staff will continue their collaboration with the Elementary Social & Emotional Learning (SEL) Committee to build concrete bridges between the [Second Step Curriculum](#) and our Digital Citizenship Scope & Sequence. Importantly, members of our Media & Digital Learning Department are active participants on this team, ensuring a seamless integration of social-emotional learning and digital literacy.
- **At the secondary level:** We are eagerly anticipating summer curriculum work centered around fostering coherence across the 6-12 grade levels. This dedicated time will allow us to identify any gaps in our current instruction and develop a comprehensive plan to create meaningful connections for students navigating the crucial adolescent years, a time of significant technology and social media consumption. Our focus will be on cultivating healthy habits, promoting online safety, and supporting responsible digital behaviors.
- **At the high school level, specifically:** We are partnering with the 9th Grade Advisory program to deliver direct instruction on digital literacy and citizenship topics. This instruction will be led by our experienced technology integration specialists and school librarian.