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Orange Public Schools Recognized as a Common Sense Certified District: Digital Citizenship

Orange, NJ – Common Sense, the national nonprofit organization dedicated to helping kids and families thrive in a world of digital media and technology, has recognized the Orange Public School District as a Common Sense Certified District: Digital Citizenship.

The Orange Public School District has demonstrated its commitment to taking a whole-community approach to preparing its students to use the immense power of digital media to explore, create, connect, and learn, while limiting the perils that exist in the online realm, such as plagiarism, loss of privacy, and cyberbullying.

"We applaud the faculty and staff of the Orange Public Schools for embracing digital citizenship as an important part of their students' education," said Jessica Lindl, Head of Common Sense Education. "Orange Public Schools deserves high praise for giving its students the foundational skills they need to compete and succeed in the 21st century workplace and participate ethically in society at large."

Orange Public Schools have been using Common Sense Education's innovative and research-based digital citizenship resources, which were created in collaboration with Dr. Howard Gardner of the GoodPlay Project at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. The resources teach students, educators, and parents tangible skills related to Internet safety, protecting online reputations and personal privacy, managing online relationships, and respecting creative copyright. The free resources are currently used in more than 90,000 classrooms nationwide.

"We're honored to be recognized as a Common Sense Digital Citizenship Certified School," said Deputy Superintendent Dr. Paula Howard. "By preparing our students to use technology safely and responsibly, we are providing them unlimited opportunities to maximize and personalize their learning."

For more information about the Orange Public School District, go to www.orange.k12.nj.us. To learn more about the criteria Orange Public Schools met to become certified as a Common Sense Certified District, visit <http://www.commonsensemedia.org/educators/certification>.

About the Orange Public School District:

The public school system in Orange has seven elementary schools (three K-7 and four PreK-7), one academy (grades 8-9), one high school (grades 10-12) and one alternative high school. There are also 8 preschool locations serving the Orange community (2 Early Childhood Centers and 6 community based facilities) and one academy for gifted students. The student population is approximately 5,700. The Orange Public School District is accredited by the Middle States Association Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools.

About Common Sense Education:

Common Sense Education provides teachers and schools with free research-based classroom tools to help students harness technology for learning and life. Our K–12 Digital Citizenship Curriculum and interactive games teach students how to make safe, smart, and ethical decisions in the digital world. Our educational ratings and reviews platform helps educators discover, use, and share high-quality digital products that propel student learning. Common Sense Education works with more than 340,000 teacher members in over 110,000 schools to help ensure all children have the opportunity to thrive in the 21st century. Common Sense is the nation's leading nonprofit organization dedicated to helping families and educators thrive in a world of media and technology. To see all of Common Sense's education resources, visit <https://www.commonsensemedia.org/educators>.

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