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SCOE Hosts Technology Night for Parents: Digital Citizenship

The Stanislaus County Office of Education (SCOE) is pleased to host a **Technology Night for Parents: Digital Citizenship** on **August 23** from **6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.** at **SCOE’s Petersen Event Center** (720 12th Street, Modesto, CA). The **FREE** hour long session (offered concurrently in both English and Spanish) is the first in a series of technology sessions geared toward parents. Walk-ins are welcome but registration is encouraged online at www.stancoe.org.

The session offers parents resources to:

- Help keep track of common internet slang
- Popular Apps
- How technology can be used for more than just videogames

Students, ages 13 -18 use an average of 9 hours of media daily, not including school work. The question is: who is teaching children how to interact online? Digital Citizenship is a concept which helps teachers, technology leaders and parents to understand what students/children/technology users should know to use technology appropriately. According to SCOE’s Technology Learning Resources Director Sally Savona, Digital Citizenship is more than just a teaching tool; it is a way to prepare students/technology users for a society full of technology. Digital citizenship is the norms of appropriate, responsible technology use. “Too often we are seeing students as well as adults misusing and abusing technology but not sure what to do. The issue is more than what the users do not know but what is considered appropriate technology usage,” said Savona.

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