



Digital Citizenship as Part of Civic Education

Digital Citizenship as Part of Civic Education



- ▶ In the Italian school system, Digital Citizenship is a central part of Civic Education from early grades through secondary school.
- ▶ Digital Citizenship means teaching how to use digital tools responsibly, safely and ethically, and how to participate in society online with awareness.
- ▶ It addresses issues like privacy, online behaviour, critical thinking, digital rights, and responsible communication

Civic Education in the Italian Curriculum

- ▶ What Civic Education Includes
- ▶ In Italy, Civic Education is a mandatory and transversal subject, introduced by law and implemented in all school grades.
- ▶ It is part of the vertical curriculum of each school; this means learning goals are planned from infancy to secondary school in a coherent sequence
- ▶ Every teacher participates in civic education activities, because it is cross-disciplinary: not taught only by one subject teacher.
- ▶ Civic Education is evaluated and contributes to students' school reports.



Three Main Thematic Areas

Cores of Civic Education

- ▶ 1. Constitution & Rights – Understanding the Italian Constitution, laws, and basic civic rights and duties.
- ▶ 2. Sustainable Development and Economy development- Education on environment, society, community and responsible citizenship.
- ▶ 3. Digital Citizenship – Learning to navigate digital life responsibly, safely and critically.

