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## How to Get Started

### About Common Sense Education

Common Sense is the nation's leading nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of all kids and families by providing the trustworthy information, education, and independent voice they need to thrive in the 21st century. Schools everywhere trust the free digital citizenship curriculum and edtech ratings. Educators get access to lesson plans, edtech ratings, tools and more.

### Instructions:

- Create an account by visiting: <https://www.commonsense.org/education/user/register> and filling out the form.
- If you have a Google account or Clever account, you can use either of those [sign-in credentials](#). Or, use your email address.
- When creating a password, it must be at least 8 characters in length and include an uppercase letter and a number or symbol.
- Click the NEXT button

A screenshot of the 'Create Your Free Account' form on the Common Sense Education website. The form is titled 'Create Your Free Account' and includes the following elements: the Common Sense Education logo at the top; a sub-header 'Create Your Free Account'; a paragraph stating 'Educators can create accounts to access lesson plans, review edtech tools, and more. Students should not create their own accounts.'; two buttons for 'Sign in with Google' and 'Sign in with Clever'; a section labeled 'OR USE YOUR EMAIL' with a horizontal line; three input fields: 'Enter your email address', 'Create password', and 'Confirm password'; and a green 'Next' button at the bottom right. A large red arrow points to the 'Next' button.



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### Instructions continued:

- Complete the form by entering information into all of the fields.
- When creating a username for your account, it must be between 2-24 characters in length. The only punctuation allowed is period, hyphen, apostrophe and underscore.
- Enter the text you see in the [CAPTCHA](#) window. If you are unable to distinguish the text, click the audio button in the top left corner.
- After completing the form click on the “Create my account” button.

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- Complete a profile. Doing so will help the site customize content for your role or interests:
  - Role
  - Grades you instruct
  - Subjects you instruct
- Click NEXT

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### Complete your profile

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Personalize your experience by answering a few simple questions.

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Please select

My grades

Pre-K K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

My subjects

English Language Arts  Math  Science

Social Studies  Arts  World Languages

English-Language Learning  Health & Wellness

How did you hear about Common Sense Education?

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### Instructions continued:

- One of the benefits provided by Common Sense Education are newsletters. Review the options and select those you may want to subscribe to. Topics and frequency vary by newsletter.
- After selection, click the Subscribe button.





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### Your newsletters

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 <p><b>Boletín Latino</b> <i>Bisemanal</i></p> <p>Obtén recomendaciones, consejos y consejos para tu familia.</p> <p>Únete ya</p>	 <p><b>Kids Action</b> <i>Periodically</i></p> <p>Stay up to date on our advocacy work that aims to improve kids' digital well-being.</p> <p>Subscribe</p>

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What Are You Looking For?

<p><b>Digital Citizenship</b> Help students take ownership of their digital lives. New lessons now available!</p>	<p><b>EdTech Ratings &amp; Reviews</b> In-depth and trusted reviews by our experts help you find the right app, game, or website for your classroom.</p>	<p><b>Wide Open School</b> Free and easy-to-use distance learning hub for families and educators with students pre-K-12.</p>
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**Three core areas**

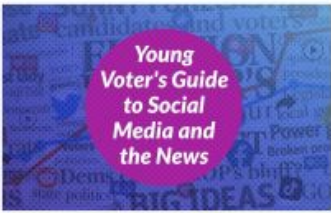




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## FEATURED RESOURCES, WEBINARS, TOOLS AND MORE:

### Featured Resources




**Young Voter's Guide to Social Media and the News**

It's an election year. Focus on news and media literacy in the classroom.

Finding reliable voter resources is no easy task. That's why Common Sense created the Young Voter's Guide to Social Media and the News.


[Go to the guide](#)



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Stay up-to-date on new edtech tools, and find inspiration for your classroom.


[See the advice](#)



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**Recognition**

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The Common Sense Census: Inside the 21st-Century Classroom (2019)



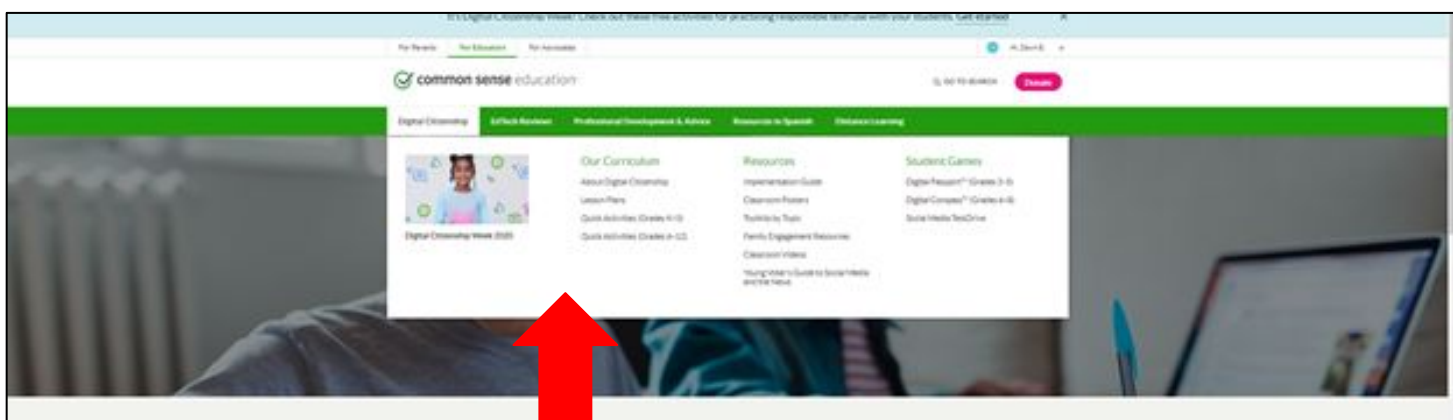
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### SITE NAVIGATION:



- Hover your mouse over the menu options at the top of the page to navigate to more pages/topics.
- Leverage the search bar in the upper right corner:

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By clicking the “Go to Search” link in the upper right corner you will be directed to: <https://www.commonsense.org/education/search-start>

A screenshot of the Common Sense Education website. At the top left is the Common Sense Education logo. To the right of the logo is a red arrow pointing to a search bar labeled 'GO TO SEARCH' and a pink 'Donate' button. Below the logo is a green navigation bar with links for 'Digital Citizenship', 'EdTech Reviews', 'Professional Development & Advice', 'Resources in Spanish', and 'Distance Learning'. The main content area has a teal background with the text 'Search reviews, lessons, videos, and advice.' and a search bar with the placeholder 'Enter keywords to refine your search.' and a 'Choose a resource' dropdown menu. Below this is a section titled 'Browse resources to find what you're looking for.' with three white boxes: 'Reviews' (with a magnifying glass icon), 'Lessons' (with a document icon), and 'Videos & Advice' (with a video icon). Each box contains a brief description of the resource type.

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**Reviews**  
See all reviews and Top Picks lists to find the right app, game, or website for your students.

**Lessons**  
Find lesson plans and activities that will prepare students to be digital learners and citizens.

**Videos & Advice**  
Get ideas and inspiration for your classroom with video tips, expert advice, and more.

- **Reviews**
- **Lesson Plans**
- **Videos and Advice**
- **What's New and More**





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## NEED HELP?

- Visit the member help center:  
<https://commonsense.force.com/membersupport/s/>
- Find links to technical support and more:

The screenshot shows the Common Sense Education Help Center page. At the top left is the Common Sense logo. A navigation bar includes links for Home, Top Articles, Topic Catalog, Contact Support, Privacy Rights (EU), Privacy Rights (Non-EU), and a More dropdown menu. Below the navigation bar is a teal header with the text "Help Center" and a search bar. The main content area is divided into four columns, each with an icon and a title:

- General Information** (star icon):
  - About Common Sense
  - Registration and Membership
  - Donations
  - Sharing Our Content
  - Technical Support
- Common Sense Media** (house icon):
  - Ratings and Reviews
  - Common Sense Selections for Families
  - Latino Resources
  - Original Research
  - Common Sense Media Plus
- Common Sense Education** (screen icon):
  - Digital Citizenship
  - EdTech Reviews
  - Recognition Program
  - Professional Development
  - Privacy Initiative
  - Games and Interactives
  - Common Sense Selections For Learning
- Common Sense Kids Action** (shield icon):
  - About Common Sense Kids Action
  - Become an Advocate
  - Legislation Reviews
  - Nonpartisan Approach