Enhancing
Student-to-World Communication
with Technology

CHALLENGES	SOLUTIONS
➜ Nondigital communication does not provide students with opportunities to learn and apply digital citizenship skills in safe, real-world contexts	➜ Allowing students to publish work through blogs, websites, or ebooks provides them with the experience of writing for large audiences, using appropriate tone, language, and style for the purpose.
➜ When sharing print communication, students often have access only to local audiences rather than global experts and peers.	➜ Connecting students with experts and other students globally through telecommunications software and collaborative platforms provides them with primary source information for research; gives them opportunities to develop perspective, empathy, open-mindedness, and international-mindedness; and allows them to practice safe and responsible online communication skills.
➜ Providing students with authentic audiences with which to share learning is sometimes difficult to manage with print documents.	

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➜ Blogging:

» Giving students the responsibility for maintaining a class blog creates in-context writing opportunities, allows them to apply learning about tone and audience, and teaches digital citizenship skills.

➜ Ebook publishing:

» Ebooks can include videos and audio clips and multimedia products as well as typed text.

» Ebooks can act as an individual or group portfolios or learning logs.

» Ebooks can be shared and stored informally or be formally published and sold.

➜ Social media:

» Students who have met the legal age restrictions can use social media platforms to share learning and ideas or create personal learning networks.

» Teachers can create and manage social media accounts for their classes to share learning while protecting student privacy.

» Learning to communicate safely and respectfully on social media is highly relevant for students.

➜ Collaboration and telecommunication:

» Video-calling software can connect students and experts around the world, for face-to-face question-and-answer sessions.

» Collaborative platforms can enable students and experts to leave text, voice, and video messages to be answered asynchronously.

DIGITAL TOOLS

➜ Blogs and websites:
» Blogger
» Edublogs
» Google Sites
» Kidblog
» Weebly
» Wordpress

➜ Digital and multimedia books:
» Book Creator
» iBooks Author
» Kindle Desktop Publishing
» Pages

➜ Digital classroom and online learning management system (LMS) tools:
» Edmodo
» Google Classroom
» Microsoft Teams
» Moodle
» Schoology
» Seesaw
» Showbie

➜ Social media:
» Facebook (social media platform)
» Instagram (image-based social media platform)
» Twiducate (closed social media platform for schools)
» Twitter (short message social media platform)

➜ Digital learning journals:
» Evernote
» Google Sites
» Seesaw

➜ Video calling:
» FaceTime
» Google Hangouts
» Skype
» Zoom

➜ Online bulletin boards:
» Flipgrid
» Jamboard
» Lino
» Padlet
» Scrumblr
» Wakelet