

# **Digital Literacy Curriculum**

## Beginner:

### • Introduction to Computers:

- Understanding computer hardware and software components.
- Familiarization with basic computer terminology.

## • Operating Systems:

- o Introduction to popular operating systems (e.g., Windows, macOS, Linux).
- Navigating the desktop environment and basic system settings.

#### Internet Basics:

- Introduction to web browsers and their functions.
- Navigating websites and understanding URLs.
- Basic internet safety practices (e.g., recognizing phishing scams, setting strong passwords).

#### • Email and Communication:

- Creating and managing email accounts.
- Composing, sending, and receiving emails.
- o Understanding email etiquette and best practices for communication.

### Introduction to Word Processing:

- Using basic word processing software (e.g., Microsoft Word, Google Docs).
- Formatting text, creating simple documents, and saving files.

### Intermediate:

### • File Management:

- Organizing files and folders on the computer.
- Copying, moving, renaming, and deleting files.
- Understanding file extensions and file types.

#### Internet Research Skills:

- Effective search techniques using search engines.
- Evaluating the credibility of online sources.
- Citing sources and avoiding plagiarism.

### • Social Media and Online Collaboration:

- Understanding social media platforms and their uses.
- Creating and managing social media accounts.

o Participating in online communities and understanding digital citizenship.

### • Digital Security and Privacy:

- Protecting personal information online.
- Recognizing common online threats (e.g., malware, identity theft).
- o Implementing basic security measures (e.g., antivirus software, firewalls).

### Basic Data Analysis:

- o Introduction to spreadsheet software (e.g., Microsoft Excel, Google Sheets).
- Entering data, creating simple formulas, and generating basic charts.

### Advanced:

## Advanced Word Processing and Presentation Skills:

- o Mastering advanced formatting techniques in word processing software.
- Creating professional-quality documents and presentations.

#### Advanced Internet Skills:

- Utilizing advanced search operators for more precise online research.
- Understanding and managing browser extensions and plugins.
- Exploring advanced internet tools and resources (e.g., cloud storage, web applications).

### Advanced Data Analysis:

- Performing complex calculations and data analysis using spreadsheet software.
- Creating pivot tables, macros, and custom functions.

### Cybersecurity Awareness and Practices:

- Understanding advanced cybersecurity threats (e.g., ransomware, social engineering).
- o Implementing multi-factor authentication and encryption techniques.
- o Developing a cybersecurity mindset and staying updated on emerging threats.

### • Introduction to Programming Concepts:

- Understanding basic programming principles and logic.
- Exploring introductory programming languages (e.g., Python, JavaScript).
- Writing and executing simple scripts to automate tasks.