

Unit – Ethics in CS

Essential Questions:

How should ethics play a role in our decisions when using computers?

What is an individual's responsibility to act ethically?

What is the government's responsibility to define ethical behavior?

Lesson #2 – Scruples Game Day 2 – Gallery Walk and Legislation

Objectives - SWBAT propose legislation to regulate decisions related to computing practices in business.

Supporting EQ: Should the government force ethical behavior?

Standards (Rhode Island Computer Science Standards)

3-RC-CU-1 Evaluate the ways computing impacts personal, ethical, social, economic, and cultural practices.

Overview

Do Now: Do companies have an obligation to “do the right thing”? (This could be the daily attendance question)

Activity: After completing a Gallery Walk of the previous day's Scruples activity Jamboard, students will work in groups to come up with a code of ethics for companies to follow when making ethical decisions regarding computing practices.

Notes

Students should be encouraged to interact with and leave feedback to various posts on Jamboard to create a healthy debate and challenge other students' thinking. In the end, they will work with up to 2 or 3 others to come up with an agreed upon code of ethics for companies to follow when making business decisions of questionable ethics.

Handouts

Students must have access to the jamboard from the previous day's lesson.

In-Person Learning Alternative:

Students can write their codes of ethics on poster paper, decorate it, and put it up on the wall in the room, so they will need access to those materials.

Resources

Students should have access to a Jamboard, meaning they need computers/phones with internet access. A communication platform like Google Classroom will likely be required to deliver the content. Some way for students to collaborate will be required for this lesson. Zoom/Meet breakout rooms and Google Docs should suffice for online learning.

Assignment/Assessments

Students will post a link to a Google Doc with their code of Ethics on to a Padlet for their classmates to see.