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Applied Learning Academy Recognized as a
Common Sense School

Fort Worth, TX—Common Sense, the national nonprofit organization dedicated to helping kids and families thrive in a world of media and technology, has recognized Applied Learning Academy as a Common Sense School.

Applied Learning Academy has demonstrated its commitment to taking a whole-community approach to preparing its students to think critically and use technology responsibly to learn, create, and participate while preparing them for the perils that exist in the online realm, such as plagiarism, loss of privacy, and cyberbullying. With the right support, kids can take ownership of their digital lives, engage with real issues, and change their communities for the better. The recognition acknowledges our school's commitment to creating a culture of digital citizenship.

"We applaud the faculty and staff of Applied Learning Academy for embracing digital citizenship as an important part of their students' education," said Liz Kline, vice president of education programs at Common Sense Education. "ALA deserves high praise for giving its students the foundational skills they need to compete and succeed in the 21st-century workplace and participate ethically in society at large."

ALA has been using Common Sense Education's innovative and research-based digital citizenship resources, which were created in collaboration with researchers from Project Zero, led by Howard Gardner at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, and are grounded in the real issues students and teachers face. The resources teach students, educators, and parents tangible skills related to internet safety, protecting online reputations and personal privacy, media balance, managing online relationships, and media literacy. The free K–12 curriculum is used in classrooms across all 50 states, in more than 80,000 schools by more than 1,00,000 educators.[Text Wrapping Break]

"We're honored to be recognized as a Common Sense School," said Principal Alice Buckley, "By preparing our students to use technology safely and responsibly, we are providing them an opportunity to build lifelong habits to help them succeed in a tech-driven world."

For more information about Applied Learning Academy, go to www.fwisd.org/ala. To learn more about the criteria ALA met to become recognized as a Common Sense School, visit <https://www.common sense.org/education/recognition-schools>.