

INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE AGREEMENT

Davenport Community School District Computer Systems – Terms and Conditions

Technology is a vital part of the school district curriculum and appropriate and equitable use of computer systems and the Internet shall allow employees and students to access resources unavailable through traditional means. Internet access is coordinated through the Davenport Community Schools wide area network and the Mississippi Bend AEA 9 access to the Internet. To ensure the smooth operation of the network, end users must adhere to established guidelines regarding proper conduct and efficient, acceptable, ethical and legal usage. Employees and students shall be instructed on the appropriate use of the Internet prior to being allowed access through school facilities. Employees and students shall sign a form annually acknowledging they have read and understand the Internet Acceptable Use Agreement

Acceptable Use: The use of district computer systems and the Internet – including the use of email, chat, or instant messaging – must be in support of education and research and consistent with the DCSD Strategic Plan, educational objectives, and the terms and conditions of this agreement. Use of other organizations' networks or computing resources must comply with the rules appropriate for those networks. Transmissions that violate any district, state, or U.S. regulations are prohibited. These transmissions include, but are not limited to copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material or material protected by trade secret. Use for commercial activities or political lobbying is prohibited.

Privilege: The use of district computer systems and the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use may result in cancellation of that privilege and possible additional actions.

Netiquette: (Network Etiquette) – You are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

Language - Do not be abusive in your messages to others. Use appropriate language. Do not swear, use vulgarities or any inappropriate language.

Privacy - Note: Electronic mail (e-mail) is not guaranteed to be private. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities may be reported to the authorities. Illegal activities are forbidden. This includes, but is not limited to, threats, harassment, stalking and fraud.

Disruption - Use of the network in such a way that you would disrupt or limit the use of the network by other users is prohibited. This includes distribution of jokes; lists, chain mail and other unauthorized uses of the system. Remain on the system long enough to get needed information, then exit the system.

Private Property: Assume that all communications and information accessible via the network are private property. Credit all sources and respect all copyright laws.

No Warranties. The Davenport Community School District makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the information or services provided through the network. The District will not be responsible for any damages. This could include loss of data or service interruptions. While the District maintains an Internet Filter to restrict access to inappropriate sites – including those with visual depictions that include obscenity, pornography, or are harmful to minors – no filter system is perfect. Ultimately, it is the users responsibility to comply with the terms and conditions of this agreement.

Security. Security on any computer system is a high priority, especially when the system involves many users. Do not use another individual's account without written permission from that individual. Attempts to access the network as anyone other than your assigned Userid may result in cancellation of user privileges. Any user identified as a security risk may be denied access to the district's computer resources.

Vandalism. Vandalism will result in cancellation of privileges. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy hardware, software, or data of another user, or any of the above listed agencies or other networks. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses or breaching security measures.

Safety. Do not reveal your personal (home) address or phone number or those of other students or colleagues.

References. Children's Internet Protection Act, 47 U.S.C. §254(h). Iowa Code § 279.8(1995). Board Policy 605.06 Internet: Appropriate Use (Revised 5/28/02; Board Policies 101.01 Board-Community Relations; 101.02 Information Dissemination; 103.02 Use of District Communications Systems; 504.6 Parent and Student Rights and Responsibilities; 501.13 Attendance Records; 604.11 Professional and Curriculum Library; 605.13 Technology and Instructional Materials

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Student Certification Form

- I have read the Internet Acceptable Use Agreement, and understand and will abide by its terms and conditions.
- I further understand that any violation of the regulations is unacceptable and may constitute a criminal offense. Should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked, and school disciplinary action and/or appropriate legal action may be taken.
- I understand that this access is designed for educational purposes.
- I understand that the Davenport Community School District has taken precautions to restrict access to inappropriate material. However, I also recognize it is impossible for the District to restrict access to all such material, and I will not hold the District responsible for materials acquired on the network.

(Student Signature)

(Date)