

Dublin ISD Acceptable Use Guidelines

The Dublin Independent School District makes Internet access available to the staff and students in the district. The goal in providing this service is to promote educational excellence and expand the opportunities currently available to students attending Dublin schools. The Internet is an electronic information highway connecting thousands of computers all over the world. Students, teachers, school board members, administrators and district staff have access to electronic mail, discussion groups, databases, software, and other valuable information sources, such as libraries and museums.

Internet access is coordinated through the Superintendent and the campus administrators. The system should be used only for administration and educational purposes consistent with the District's mission and goals. Commercial use of the system by any individual or group is strictly prohibited.

The Internet provides a wealth of information. However, on a global network it is impossible to control all materials that may be accessed. Dublin Independent School District firmly believes that the valuable information and interaction available on the worldwide network far outweighs the possibilities for misuse. All training in the use of the District's system for all users will emphasize the ethical use of the resource as a positive tool for learning. The District shall not be liable for users' inappropriate use of electronic communication resources or violations of copyright restrictions, users' mistakes or negligence, or cost incurred by users.

The use of the Internet is a privilege and not a right. Any system user identified as a security risk or having violated district and/or campus computer-use guidelines may be denied access to the system. The system administrator(s) may close an account at any time, as they deem appropriate and without notice.

Some examples of irresponsible use are:

- Using the network for commercial advertising
- Using copyrighted material in reports without permission
- Using the network to lobby for votes
- Using the network to access a file that contains pornographic materials
- Using the network to send/receive messages that are racist, sexist, inflammatory, and/or obscene
- Placing a virus on the network or any other malicious attempt to harm or destroy the District's equipment or materials, data of another user, or any of the agencies or other networks that are connected to the Internet
- Deliberate attempts to degrade or disrupt system performance
- Pretending to be someone else when sending and receiving messages
- Using the network for personal entertainment

Internet users are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These network etiquette guidelines will be reinforced in the instructional setting.

All users should be aware that the inappropriate use of electronic information resources could be violation of local, state, and federal laws. Violations can lead to prosecution. The District will cooperate fully with local, state, or federal officials in any investigation concerning or relating to misuse of the District's electronic communications system. Vandalism will result in the cancellation of system use privileges and will require

restitution for costs associated with system restoration, hardware, or software costs.

All users should be aware that the District's system shall be monitored to ensure the appropriate use of the system for educational administrative purposes. This is not a violation of either an individual student's or teacher's rights to privacy.

User's Full Name (please print) _____

Home address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

District Location/Campus: _____

I understand and will abide by the Dublin Independent School District terms and conditions for Internet use. I further understand that any violation of the regulations and guidelines is unethical and may constitute a criminal offense. Should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked with or without notice, school disciplinary action may be taken, and/or appropriate legal action may be taken.

User Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent or Guardian: *Parents or Guardians of students under the age of 18 must also read and sign this agreement.*

As the parent or guardian of the person named, I have read the terms and conditions for Internet access. I understand that this access is designed for educational purposes. I also recognize that it is impossible for DISD to restrict access to all controversial materials and I will not hold them responsible for controversial materials acquired through the network. Further, I accept full responsibility for supervision if and when my child's use is not in a school setting. I hereby give permission to issue an account for my child and certify that the information contained on this form is correct.

Parent or Guardian (please print) _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____