



Danvers Public Schools

Acceptable Use Policy

COMPUTERS: INTERNET POLICY

As students gain access to Internet use in Danvers, it is essential that we have a policy in place that promotes the appropriate use of this technology. To utilize these services, all students must obtain parental permission through this form.

Student use of the Internet is to be conducted under faculty supervision. However, faculty members are not expected to monitor student use at every moment. We expect students to become responsible users of the Internet.

The use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges. Students are expected to follow the guidelines stated below, as well as those given orally by the staff, and to demonstrate ethical behavior that is of the highest order in using the Internet.

USER GUIDELINES:

Student use of the Internet must be in support of education and research consistent with the objectives of the Danvers Public Schools.

Students may not post or request personal information such as home addresses, telephone numbers, or the name and location of schools without teacher permission.

Students are prohibited from making prejudicial, harassing, threatening, obscene, or hateful remarks and other antisocial behavior.

Students are prohibited from using the Internet to access or process pornographic material, inappropriate text files, information that advocates illegal acts, or information that lacks any educational value.

Students should immediately tell a teacher, or other school employee, about any material that they feel is not appropriate or that makes them feel uncomfortable.

Students should be aware that no communications are guaranteed to be private. Internet use is monitored. Illegal activities may be reported to the authorities.

Students should note that plagiarism is the taking of material created by others and presenting it as if it were one's own. It will not be acceptable to plagiarize material from the Internet.

Students should note that all communications and information accessible via the Internet should be assumed to be private property.

Students may not use the Internet in school for commercial purposes, product advertisement or political lobbying. Products or services may not be purchased or offered. The student and his or her parents or guardians will be responsible for any liabilities stemming from such unauthorized uses of the Internet.

Students may not use the Internet for illegal purposes or for the support of illegal activities.

Student use of the Internet must not serve to disrupt its use by other individuals or connecting networks.

Student passwords are confidential. All passwords shall be protected by the user and not shared or displayed. Individual users shall, at all times, be responsible for the proper use of accounts issued in their name.

Students who violate district policy or administrative procedures will be subject to suspension or termination of their network privileges and will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action and or prosecution.

ILLEGAL USE OF COMPUTERS

Copying certain commercial software is illegal. Any student found copying software on Danvers Public School computers will be referred to the principal for suspension. The student will also be subject to prosecution for possible copyright violations.

Any student who uses terminals to tamper with administrative school records stored in the computer will be suspended by the principal and referred to the Superintendent of Schools for appropriate action (which may include expulsion). The student will be withdrawn from any course using computers for which enrolled, and will lose the privilege of using the computer terminals in the Danvers Public Schools.

Unauthorized use will include, but is not limited to, the following:

1. Accessing an account or file other than the one assigned
2. Copying software (e.g., programs, files) without the permission of the student's subject teacher

3. Accessing copyrighted software without permission of the student's subject teacher (e.g., playing games)

4. Any activity that causes damage to the computer equipment, memory or files

5. Any activity that infringes upon the rights of others

INTERNET ACCESS FORM

This form must be signed by students and parents for Internet access to be granted.

I understand and will abide by the terms and conditions for Internet access in the Danvers Public School System. Should I commit any violation, my access privileges will be revoked and or appropriate school disciplinary action will be taken.

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN SECTION

As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read the terms and conditions for Internet access in the Danvers Public School System, as contained in the Acceptable Use Policy. I understand that this access is designed for educational purposes. However, I also recognize that it is impossible to prevent access to all inappropriate materials and I will therefore not hold the Danvers Public School System or its employees responsible for materials viewed, acquired or communicated on the Internet. I understand that if my son / daughter should commit any violation, his / her access privileges will be revoked and / or school disciplinary action will be taken. I hereby give permission for my son / daughter to access the resources of the Internet in the Danvers Public School System.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Home Address: _____ Phone: _____