

District-Provided Access to Electronic Information, Services, Equipment, and Networks

The District makes Internet access and interconnected computer systems and equipment available to District students and faculty to promote educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication. The District expects all students to take responsibility for appropriate and lawful use of this access, including good behavior online. Use of District equipment and electronic networks will be consistent with the curriculum adopted by the District, as well as varied instructional needs, learning styles, abilities, and developmental levels of students and will comply with selection criteria for instructional materials and library materials.

Acceptable Uses

Educational Purposes Only. All use of the District's equipment and electronic network must be: (1) In support of education and/or research or (2) Legitimate school business purposes. The District reserves the right to monitor, inspect, copy, review, and store all information transmitted or received in connection with such usage.

Unacceptable Uses

1. Uses that violate the law or encourage others to violate the law or District student discipline policy.
2. Use that causes harm to others or damage to their property.
3. Use that jeopardizes the security of student access and of the computer network or other networks on the internet.
4. Uses that are commercial transactions. Students may not sell or buy anything over the internet.

The District is not responsible for any information that may be lost, damaged, or unavailable when using the equipment, network, or for any information that is retrieved or transmitted via the internet. Any user is fully responsible to the District and will indemnify and hold the District, its trustees, administrators, teachers, and staff harmless from any and all loss, costs, claims, or damages resulting from such user's access to its equipment, computer network, and the internet. Violations of this policy will result in a loss of access and may result in other disciplinary or legal actions.

Guidelines for Network Access and Technology Use

Student access to the Denton School District #84 network, internet connection, and technology equipment is limited only to those students who have a signed Denton School Acceptable Use Policy for the current school year on file with the district. All students with a current form on file will be granted **managed** access to the district's network, internet connection and technology equipment. Each user should understand that managed access means that user accounts are, for reasons of safety and accountability, subject to regular monitoring and inspection.

Examples of misuse include but are not limited to,

1. The use of the system for charitable purposes that have not been approved by the district.
2. The use of the system for non-district commercial purposes or solicitations.
3. The unauthorized downloading, installation, use, storage, or distribution of copyrighted software, school purchased electronic device applications, and/or materials on district computers.
4. Malicious use of the system to develop programs or documents that harass or harm others, to gain access to any computer or computer system to damage the components of the computer or the system be it District owned or otherwise.
5. Any distribution of private or public materials that are inconsistent with the District harassment-free environment policies, or hate mail, discriminatory remarks, or other unwelcome statements and/or compliments or other anti-social items.
6. Use of system access to display, store, or distribute inappropriate or suggestive materials/media. Inappropriate media/materials include, but are not limited to weapons, pornographic materials, inappropriate language, alcohol, drug, or gang related symbols or pictures, inappropriate gestures, as well as anything that might be used to intimidate, embarrass, or bully another individual. In addition, passwords/pass codes may not be used to prevent access or inspection of a district provided iPad or computer.
7. The use of the system to promote or participate in any activity that is in violation of any state or federal regulation, or that purports to discredit any person, agency, or organization of local, state, or federal government.
8. The revelation of personal information, their own or other, such as home addresses and telephone numbers in areas not consistent with educational purposes. Unauthorized use of chat rooms is prohibited.
9. Meeting people in person that they have contacted on the system without parent/guardian permission.
10. Failure to notify a teacher or administrator whenever they come across information or messages that are dangerous, inappropriate, or make them feel uncomfortable.
11. Accessing violent, socially damaging, or illegal information.
12. Overusing network hard drive space.
13. District user accounts and Apple IDs are intended for the purpose of allowing a single user to gain authorized access to the school's network, user file storage, authorized applications, and technology equipment. Any sharing of passwords or access to a user's account by anyone other than the authorized user is strictly prohibited.
14. All user activity will be managed and monitored by the district to ensure responsible and ethical use of the district's network, internet access, and technology equipment.
15. Users may not attempt to hide inappropriate activity by changing passwords, encrypting communications, or refusing to submit to regular accountability checks.
16. Access to social networking websites, chat rooms, and non-district issued personal email accounts during school hours.

****NOTE:** These guidelines are intended to promote and ensure the appropriate, supervised use of the district's network, internet connection, and technology equipment.

The following measures have been taken to restrict access by minors to restricted materials deemed harmful to minors:

- The installation and use of filtering and monitoring software
- A board approval of this internet safety and acceptable use policy

Consequences

As stated above, any user who does not comply with the Denton School Acceptable Use Policy will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action as deemed necessary by the faculty/administration.

The responsible use of technology and internet resources is a privilege and is encouraged by the Denton School District to help prepare students to excel in an increasingly technological world.

However, continued misuse and violation of these policies will result in the suspension or termination of technology privileges.

In addition to other disciplinary action, students may be held financially responsible for damaged or lost technology equipment or accessories under the student's temporary care.

The district reserves the right to modify this Acceptable Use Policy as necessary.

By signing below I acknowledge that I have read and understood the Denton School Internet Safety and Technology Acceptable Use Policy.

I agree to the terms set forth within this document and wish to be granted access to the Denton School network, internet connection, and technology equipment.

I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the terms of the Denton School District's policy regarding District-Provided Access to Electronics Information, Service, Equipment and Networks. I also acknowledge that I have read and understood the Denton School Internet Safety and Technology Acceptable Use Policy. I agree to the terms set forth within this document and wish to be granted access to the Denton School network, internet connection and technology equipment.

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date _____