

DURANT ISD INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

A. **Purpose Statement.** Independent School District No. 72 of Bryan County, Oklahoma (the "district") provides its students and employees with access to the district's computer network system, including Internet access, in an effort to expand the informational and communication resources in furtherance of the district's goal of promoting educational excellence. All of the following policies apply whether using a school provided device or personal device on the DISD Wireless network.

B. **Internet Access - Terms and Conditions.**

1) **Acceptable Use.** **THE USE OF THE DISTRICT SYSTEM, WHETHER BY STUDENTS, FACULTY OR STAFF, MUST BE IN SUPPORT OF EDUCATION AND CONSISTENT WITH THE EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES OF THE DISTRICT.** The use of any other organizations' network or computing resources must comply with the rules and regulations appropriate for that network. **THE TRANSMISSION OR RECEIPT OF ANY MATERIAL IN VIOLATION OF ANY UNITED STATES OR STATE LAW OR REGULATION AND THE TRANSMISSION OR RECEIPT OF ANY MATERIAL INCONSISTENT WITH THE EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES OF THE DISTRICT IS PROHIBITED.** This includes, but is not limited to: copyrighted material, threatening, indecent, lewd or obscene material, or material protected by trade secret. Use of the district system for commercial activities is not acceptable. Use for product advertisement or political lobbying is also prohibited.

2) **Parental Consent.** In order for a student to gain access to the district system, the student's parent or guardian must be provided a copy of the Internet Acceptable Use Policy and sign the Internet Access Agreement requesting that their child be given Internet access under the terms and conditions described in this policy. Parents may withdraw their consent at any time. **THERE IS, HOWEVER, A WIDE RANGE OF INFORMATION AVAILABLE THROUGH THE INTERNET WHICH EITHER IS NOT APPROPRIATE FOR ACCESS BY MINORS, HAS NO EDUCATIONAL VALUE OR DOES NOT MEET WITH THE PARTICULAR VALUES OF THE FAMILIES OF THE STUDENT. THE DISTRICT SYSTEM AND INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY CONTAIN DEVICES AND RESTRICTIONS ON USE INTENDED TO PREVENT ACCESS TO INAPPROPRIATE MATERIAL OR INFORMATION. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE DISTRICT TO GUARANTEE THAT STUDENTS WILL NOT BE EXPOSED TO INAPPROPRIATE MATERIAL THROUGH THEIR USE OF THE INTERNET. THE DISTRICT BELIEVES THAT PARENTS BEAR PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMMUNICATING ACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR AND FAMILY VALUES TO THEIR CHILDREN. THE DISTRICT ENCOURAGES PARENTS TO DISCUSS WITH THEIR CHILDREN WHAT MATERIAL IS AND IS NOT ACCEPTABLE FOR THEIR CHILDREN TO ACCESS THROUGH THE DISTRICT SYSTEM.**

3) **Privilege of Use.** The district system and its Internet access is a privilege afforded to students, staff and employees of the district. Use of these resources is not a right and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges. Inappropriate use is any use prohibited by the terms of this policy or use determined by the district's system administrators to be inappropriate under particular facts and circumstances. All users will be required to participate in an annual, school-wide educational program to learn about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites, in chat rooms, and cyberbullying awareness.

4) **Inappropriate Use.** Each system user is expected to comply with all district policies governing Internet access and to abide by generally-accepted rules of network etiquette. These general rules include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a) Inappropriate language - Do not use abusive language in messages to others. Be polite. Do not use obscene, indecent, lewd or profane language, vulgarities, rude or disrespectful language. Do not engage in personal attacks or activities intended to distress, harass or annoy another user.
- b) Inappropriate Material - Access to information shall not be restricted or denied solely because of the political, religious or philosophical content of the material. However, system users must realize that rights go hand-in-hand with responsibilities and agree not to use the district system to access information or to distribute information or material which is:
 - i. Obscene to minors, meaning (i) material which, taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value for minors and, (ii) when an average person, applying contemporary community standards, would find that the written material, taken as a whole, appeals to an obsessive interest in sex by minors.
 - ii. Libelous, meaning a false and unprivileged statement about a specific individual which tends to harm the individual's reputation.
 - iii. Vulgar, lewd or indecent, meaning material which, taken as a whole, an average person would deem improper for access by or distribution to minors because of sexual connotations or profane language.
 - iv. Display or promotion of unlawful products or services, meaning material which advertises or advocates the use of products or services prohibited by law from being sold or provided to minors.
 - v. Group defamation or hate literature, meaning material which disparages a group or a member of a group on the basis of race, religious affiliation, ethnic or national origin, gender, or disability or advocates illegal conduct or violence or discrimination toward any particular group of people. This includes racial and religious epithets, "slurs", insults and abuse.
 - vi. Disruptive school operations, meaning material which, on the basis of past experience or based upon specific instances of actual or threatened disruptions relating to the information or material in question, is likely to cause a material and substantial disruption of the proper and orderly operation of school activities or school discipline.
- c) Safety - Do not reveal personal contact information about yourself or any other person. This information includes telephone numbers and addresses. Do not use the Internet access to arrange meetings with persons you have met on line. Users will promptly disclose to the teacher, district system administrator or to some other member of the faculty or staff any message they consider to be inappropriate or which makes them feel uncomfortable.
- d) Electronic mail - Users should be aware that electronic mail (E-Mail) may not be assumed to be a private communication. The district and system administrators do have access to E-Mail. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities will be reported to the authorities. System users should not post any message which is intended to be private.
- e) Network resources - System users should not use the network in a way that will disrupt the use of the network by other users. **THE NETWORK SHOULD BE USED FOR EDUCATIONAL, PROFESSIONAL AND CAREER**

DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ONLY. System users should refrain from downloading large files unless absolutely necessary, and then only when the system is not being heavily used. Such files should be removed from the system computer to the user's personal computer as soon as possible.

- f) Intellectual property - Do not plagiarize works obtained from the Internet. Users must respect the rights of copyright owners and comply with all limitations imposed upon use of copyrighted material.

5) **Limitation of Liability.** The district makes no warranties of any kind, whether express or implied, for the services provided and will not be responsible for any damages which you may suffer through use of the district system or the Internet, including, but not limited to, the loss of information or files or the interruption of service. The district is not responsible for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through use of the district system or the Internet. The district is not responsible for any financial obligations which may be incurred through use of the district system.

6) **Security.** Security on any computer system is a high priority, especially when the system involves multiple users. Users are responsible for their individual account and should take precautions to prevent others from accessing that account. Under no conditions should a user provide their personal password to another person. If you identify a potential security problem on the district system or the Internet, you must notify the system administrator immediately. You should not demonstrate the problem to others, nor should you intentionally attempt to identify potential security problems. In either instance, your actions may be misinterpreted as an illegal attempt to gain unauthorized access. Any attempt to log on to the Internet as a system administrator will result in cancellation of user privileges. Any user identified as a security risk or having a history of problems with the district system or any other computer system may be denied further access.

7) **Vandalism.** Vandalism of district hardware, software or the system itself will result in cancellation of privileges. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy the property or data of the district, of another user or of any other network connected to the Internet or all or any portion of the district's computer network system or any other network or system connected to the Internet. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses or any actions that disrupt or "crash" all or any portion of the district's computer system. All system users shall avoid the accidental spread of computer viruses by strict adherence to district policies governing the downloading of software. No system user may use the system to "hack" or attempt to gain unauthorized access to any other computer system, network or site or any unauthorized portion of the district's system.

9) **Employee Access.** In order for any employee of the district to gain access to the district system, the employee must sign the Employee Internet Access Agreement.

10) **Application and Enforceability.** The terms and conditions set forth in this policy shall be deemed to be incorporated in their entirety in the Internet Access Agreement executed by each system user. **BY EXECUTING THE INTERNET ACCESS AGREEMENT, THE SYSTEM USER AGREES TO ABIDE BY THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS CONTAINED IN THIS ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY. THE SYSTEM USER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT ANY VIOLATION OF THIS ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY MAY RESULT IN ACCESS PRIVILEGES BEING REVOKED, DISCIPLINARY ACTION BEING TAKEN, INCLUDING, AS TO STUDENTS, DISCIPLINARY ACTION UNDER THE DISTRICT'S STUDENT DISCIPLINE POLICY AND, AS TO EMPLOYEES, ANY SUCH DISCIPLINE AS MAY BE ALLOWED BY LAW, INCLUDING TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT.**

**DURANT SCHOOL DISTRICT
STUDENT INTERNET ACCESS AGREEMENT**

The DISD Internet Acceptable Use Policy is located on the school website at http://www.durantisd.org/admin/board/policy/disd_policy-e.pdf (pg.24). A printed copy may be obtained upon request

STUDENT SECTION:

Student Name _____ Grade _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Student ID Number _____

School _____

I have received a copy of the Internet Acceptable Use Policy and Mobile Computing Handbook (7-12th grades). I have read and agree to abide by their provisions. I understand that any violation of the use provisions may result in disciplinary action including, but not limited to, suspension and/or revocation of network privileges and suspension from school.

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

SPONSORING PARENT OR GUARDIAN SECTION (Required):

I have read the Internet Acceptable Use Policy and Student Handbook for Durant Public Schools. I understand that the School District has taken reasonable precautions to ensure that access to controversial material is limited to the extent possible. I realize, however, that it is not possible to completely prevent access to inappropriate material. I will monitor my child's use of the network and his/her access to the Internet, and will accept full responsibility for supervision in that regard if and when my child's use is not in a school setting. I hereby release the School District from liability in the event that my child acquires inappropriate material through use of the District's computing resources or the Internet. I understand that if my child violates the AUP Guidelines, his/her access to the District's technology services may be revoked and my student may be subject to disciplinary action. I hereby give the District permission to issue an Internet access account for my child and certify that the information contained on this form is correct.

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

Student Access Agreement must be completed at first enrollment at each academic campus.