

Student Network/Internet Acceptable Use Policy

The use of school-owned technology, including computers whether stand alone, local area network, part of a wide area network such as the Internet or other electronic communication services is a privilege and not a right. The use of Network/Internet resources must be consistent with the educational objectives of the Dubuque Community School District, and in accordance with the terms of this policy. Use of networks or electronic resources of any other organizations must comply with the rules and regulations relating to those networks.

Network/Internet Acceptable Use Agreement. Specific guidelines for use of Network/Internet resources will be outlined in a Network/Internet Acceptable Use Agreement which shall be updated as necessary by the Superintendent or his/her designee and made available online to students enrolled in the district. Each School will develop a procedure for discussing proper network participation with all students.

Unacceptable Use. Transmission of any material in violation of any United States, state, or local law, regulation, or board policy is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, transmission of copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material, or material protected by trade secret. Interruption of network services is not acceptable. Use for non-educational activities is not acceptable. Non-educational activities include, but are not limited to, product advertisement, political lobbying, game playing, unauthorized "chat," computer "hacking," knowingly spreading computer viruses, chain letter communication, or any other use for private benefit. Students' Internet activities will be monitored by the school district to assist in restricting students from accessing inappropriate sites that have visual depictions that include obscenity, child pornography or are harmful to minors. (The school district will use technology protection measures to comply with CIPA.)

No Warranties. No warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the services provided through Network/Internet are made by the Dubuque Community School District or any school within the District. Neither the District nor any school within the district will be responsible for any damages users suffer, or liabilities, financial or otherwise, incurred through the use of Network/Internet. This includes violations of laws, contracts entered into on Network/Internet, loss of data resulting from backup procedures, delays, nondeliveries, misdeliveries, or service interruptions caused by user negligence, errors, or omissions. Use of any information obtained via Network/Internet is at the user's own risk. The Dubuque Community School District specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through electronic services.

Privacy: The Dubuque Community School District exercises exclusive control over all school-owned technology, and students should not expect privacy regarding their use of any such equipment or network because school property is subject to search and inspection at any time by school officials. This

search and inspection includes, but is not limited to, electronic mail, Internet access, site storage and transfer. Students are responsible for whatever is contained in computer files assigned to them. All student Internet activities are subject to being monitored.

Financial Responsibility. The individual student and/or parent/guardian will be responsible for any financial obligation incurred through the use of Network/Internet.

Security. Security on any computer system is a high priority, especially when the system involves many users. Users must not share passwords with anyone. Anyone who attempts to use another person's account will be subject to sanctions as outlined in this policy or in the Network/Internet Acceptable User Agreement.

Vandalism, Mischief, Tampering, Theft, and Crimes. Acts of vandalism, mischief, tampering, theft and other criminal acts through the use of Network/Internet or other electronic communication services and/or the data infrastructure hardware and wiring used to access these services are prohibited. This prohibition includes, but is not limited to, interruption of network services, vandalizing computers and computer equipment, tampering with or attempting to harm or destroy data of another user or data on the Network/Internet, or to damage wiring hardware, or software, stealing computer equipment, and the uploading, downloading, or creation of computer viruses. This includes the content and functionality of the district web site, as well as individual school building web sites within the district.

Sanctions. A violation of the guidelines contained within this policy or within the Network/Internet Acceptable Use Agreement may result in sanctions against the user. These sanctions may include, but are not limited to, temporary or permanent suspension from the use of Network/Internet, suspension or expulsion from school, or any other appropriate disciplinary or legal action available to the district.

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CONSENT TO STUDENT USE OF THE DISTRICT'S COMPUTERS,
COMPUTER NETWORK SYSTEMS, AND INTERNET ACCESS

As the parent or guardian of the student named below and I hereby certify that I have received, read, and understand the Dubuque Community School District's **Student Network/Internet Acceptable Use Policy (Policy 5504)**.

I recognize that although the Dubuque Community School District has taken measures to restrict access to controversial materials, it cannot guarantee that students will be protected from accessing any controversial materials during the student's use of the District's computers, computer network systems and the Internet.

I accept full responsibility for my student's use of the District's computers, computer network systems and the Internet through the District in accordance with the terms, conditions, and guidelines as stated by the District in its policies and regulations and as set out in federal and state law. I relieve the Dubuque Community School District and its officers and employees, from any and all financial responsibility that may be incurred by my child's use of the District's computers, computer network system, and the Internet.

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____ My child may have access to the Internet Yes _____ No _____

I hereby give the District permission to publish the following on the District's web site:

My child's work	Yes _____	No _____
My child's picture	Yes _____	No _____
His/her first name	Yes _____	No _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

If you have provided consent for your child's use of the District's computers, computer network systems and Internet access, please have your child review and sign the following:

I have read the Dubuque Community School District's Student **Network/Internet Acceptable Use Policy (#5504)** and agree to abide by its provisions. I understand that violation of the provisions will result in the restriction and/or termination of my ability to use the District's computers, computer network and Internet access and may result in further discipline up to and including expulsion and/or other legal action. I agree to be responsible for payment of costs incurred by accessing any Internet devices that have a cost involved.

Student Signature: _____