

2016-17 Internet Safety Policy – Dodd City ISD

Please print student/staff name: _____ Grade: _____

To prepare students to be productive in today's society, Dodd City ISD has made a substantial investment in computer technology for instructional purposes. Use of these resources is restricted to students working under a teacher's supervision and for approved purposes only. Resources such as computers, Internet, and distance learning provide great educational benefits to students. Access to the Internet, computers and related equipment, and other technology resources is given as a privilege to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. We require that staff, students, AND parents/guardians read, accept, sign, and follow these rules of acceptable use in order to be given this privilege. Violations of this agreement may result in loss of privileges and other disciplinary action.

1. Students and staff members are responsible for good behavior on computers just as they are in a school building. General school rules for behavior and communication apply to use of all technology resources, including videoconference classroom and equipment.
2. Network directions may be treated like school lockers. Network administrators may review files and e-mail communications to maintain system integrity. If a question arises as to a person's inappropriate use, then users may be monitored to ensure they are using the system responsibly.
3. The following are not permitted:
 - Chatting or accessing social media is not allowed at anytime unless it is for an in-class educational project and is preapproved by the principal. This includes but is not limited to: MSN Messenger, AOL Messenger, Twitter, Facebook, etc.
 - Accessing e-mail messages that do not relate to a class assignment or seeking college and scholarship information.
 - Sending or displaying offensive or questionable material including but not limited to, obscene material, child pornography or content that is harmful to minors. (not limited to computers only – may include movies or videos).
 - Disruptive or distracting behavior during a videoconference or distance learning opportunity.
 - Downloading any files, videos, games, or other software from the Internet or other device without teacher permission.
 - Using obscene or inappropriate language in any form and harassing, insulting, or threatening others (cyberbullying) by e-mail or other methods.
 - Damaging computers and related equipment or using without teacher permission. If irresponsible action by a student causes damage or the need for repair, the student will be asked to pay for repair costs.
 - Not reporting damage caused to computers or related equipment.
 - Violating United States Copyright Laws and submitting the information of others as you own work.
 - Using or telling another person's password.
 - Intentionally wasting resources (This includes excessive non-educational e-mails or printing without permission.)
 - Changing system settings without permission.
 - Using computer access for personal profit, such as trading/monitoring stocks and earning points.
 - Revealing the personal address or phone number of yourself or any other person without permission from your teacher.
 - Accessing or attempting to access any unauthorized site, network directory, account or computer system or committing any type of unlawful activity ("hacking") with school technology resources.
4. The district has a filtering service provided by 8e6 Technologies, following this policy as a guideline. Teachers may submit requests to district technology staff for changes in access of resources based on course of study.
5. Violations will result in a loss of privileges as well as other disciplinary or legal action. Parents will be contacted at the principal's request.

I have read the rules for acceptable use of technology resources, understand, and agree to follow the above rules. Should I violate these, I understand that I will lose privileges for a set period of time and be disciplined according to district policy as interpreted by school administrators.

Student or Staff Signature

Date

As the parent/legal guardian of the minor student signing above, I grant permission for the above student to access networked computer services such as e-mail and the Internet, and other curriculum related software. I understand that some materials on the Internet may be objectionable, but I accept responsibility for providing guidance to the above student on Internet use both inside and outside of school-setting and conveying standards for the above student to follow when selecting, sharing, or exploring information and media. Unless I object in writing, I grant permission for the district to post my child's name and likeness on the district web site, participate in videoconferences or distance learning opportunities, and be photographed or videotaped for such purposes.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Date