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Technology Acceptable Use Policy (AUP)

Purpose of Use

Through technology, DCS provides access for students and staff to resources from around the world. Expanding technologies take students and staff beyond the confines of the classroom, and provide tremendous opportunities for enhancing, extending, and rethinking the learning process. This new capability, however, requires guidance for students and staff use.

The Opportunities and Risks of Technology Use

DCS believes that the value of information and the opportunity for interaction that technology offers outweighs the hazards of its misuse. Making network access available, however, carries with it the potential that some network users will encounter sources that could be considered controversial or inappropriate. Because information on networks is ever-changing and diverse, DCS cannot completely predict or control what users may or may not locate when on-line. Technology provides a conduit to information: the users must be wary of the sources and content and be responsible in choosing information to be accessed.

No technology is guaranteed to be error free or totally dependable, nor is it safe when used irresponsibly. Among other matters, DCS is not liable or responsible for:

- any information that may be lost, damaged, or unavailable due to technical or other difficulties;
- the accuracy or suitability of any information that is retrieved through technology;
- breaches of confidentiality;
- defamatory material;
- consequences that may come from failure to follow DCS policy and procedures governing the use of technology.

Privileges of User

Users may access technology only for educational purposes. Exercising this privilege requires that users accept the responsibility for all material viewed, downloaded, and/or produced. Users will need to evaluate the validity of materials accessed through technology and cite their resources when appropriate.

The actions of users accessing networks through DCS reflect on our school. Users must conduct themselves accordingly by exercising good judgment and complying with this policy and any accompanying administrative regulations and guidelines.



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Definition of Acceptable Use

Users will:

- Adhere to the rules of copyright and assume that any software that they did not create is copyrighted (unless it is labeled “freeware” or “public domain”)
- Adhere to the licensing agreements governing the use of shareware; note that email is not guaranteed to be private
- Be responsible at all times for the proper use of their access privileges and for complying with all required system security identification codes, including not sharing such codes
- Maintain the integrity of technological resources from potentially damaging messages, physical abuse, or computer viruses
- Respect the right of others to use equipment and therefore use it only for school-related activities
- Treat all computers, printers, cameras, and other electronic hardware and software with great care
- Abide by the policies and procedures of networks and systems linked by technology; and protect the privacy of other users and the integrity of the system by avoiding misuse of others’ files, equipment, and programs

Users will not:

- Use offensive, obscene, inflammatory or defamatory language
- Harass other users
- Misrepresent themselves or others
- Violate the rights of others, including their privacy
- Access, download, and/or create pornographic or obscene material
- Use the network for personal business or financial gain
- Vandalize data, programs, and/or networks
- Degrade or disrupt systems and/or equipment
- Damage technology hardware and/or software
- Spread computer viruses
- Gain unauthorized access to resources or entities
- Violate copyright laws
- Damage computers, printers, cameras, or other hardware
- Use technology for illegal activities
- Reveal their name, personal address or phone number, or those of other users without parental permission



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Right to Monitor

DCS, as the provider of the technology, email, and Internet access, has the right to monitor any and all use of its system. Any individual right of privacy is superseded by the school's need to maintain its system.

Penalties for Improper Use

If users of the technology do not follow the rules of Acceptable Use, their privileges may be taken away or be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination.

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