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Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District Technology/Network Acceptable Use Agreement 2017-2018

The use of technology for learning is part of the mission of the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District. Technology is essential to facilitate the creative problem solving, information fluency, critical thinking skills, and collaboration that we see in today's world. While we want our students to be active contributors in our connected world, we also want them to be safe, legal, and responsible.

Our expectations for student learning include:

1. Use current technology to investigate, create, communicate, and produce
2. Apply a variety of problem solving strategies
3. Communicate effectively both orally and in writing
4. Read critically and ask questions
5. Create, obtain, evaluate, and analyze data
6. Demonstrate self-control and respect for all individuals
7. Pursue and participate in artistic and creative expression
8. Exhibit responsible citizenship

Responsible Digital Citizenship

Being a digital citizen of the DYRS D we use information and technology in safe, legal and responsible ways. It is important that we educate our students on what this means before we start using technology. The following conditions are necessary for developing responsible digital citizens.

- Students will respect themselves by choosing online names that are appropriate
- Students will only post information and images that are appropriate
- Students will protect themselves by not publishing personal details, contact details, or a schedule of their activities, including home address, personal phone numbers, or last name
- Students will respect others and will not use technology tools to bully or tease others
- Students will protect others by reporting abuse and not forwarding inappropriate materials or communications
- Students will respect intellectual property by suitably citing any and all use of websites, books, media, etc.
- Students will protect intellectual property by requesting to use the software and media that others produce

Password Protection

Passwords are provided for each user's personal use only and are, therefore, confidential. Never share your password, steal or use another person's password. If you suspect that someone has discovered your password, you should change it immediately and notify a teacher or administrator who in turn will notify the network administrator. As passwords are easily hacked, when establishing a password one should keep in mind that strong passwords consist of a combination of upper and lowercase letters, numbers, and symbols.

Privacy

E-mail is no more private than a postcard. Students and staff need to know that files stored on school computers are not private. Network and Internet access is provided as a tool for educational purposes only. DYRSD has the right to monitor, inspect, copy, review, and store at any time and without prior notice any and all usage of the computer network and Internet access including transmitted and received information. All information files are the property of DYRSD and no user shall have any expectation of privacy regarding such files.

Online Etiquette

All students should follow the guidelines of accepted behavior found in school handbooks. Use appropriate language and graphics. Swearing, vulgarities, suggestive, obscene, belligerent, harassing, threatening or abusive language of any kind is not acceptable. Do not use school online access to make, distribute, or redistribute jokes, stories, to bully, or pass along obscene material or material which is based on slurs or stereotypes relating to race, gender, ethnicity, nationality, gender identity, religion, or sexual orientation. Whether working from home or in school any language that is considered inappropriate in the classroom is also inappropriate for student blogs, podcasts, emails, or any other school-related web tools. Comments made on school related web tools will be monitored by school personnel. If inappropriate, they will be deleted. Never link to websites without reading the entire article to make sure it is appropriate for a school setting.

Plagiarism/Copyright/Licensing

Plagiarism is the act of using someone else's words or ideas as your own. Students are required to give proper credit to all Internet sources used in academic assignments, whether quoted or summarized. Copying or downloading copyrighted materials without the owner's permission is a violation of this agreement. This includes all forms of media on the Internet, such as graphics, movies, music, and text. Plagiarism of Internet resources will be treated in the same manner as any other incidences of plagiarism, as stated in the school handbook. In addition, all students must adhere to the copyright laws of the United States (P.L. 94-553) and the Congressional Guidelines that delineate it regarding software, authorship, and copying information. All students should also adhere to the Creative Commons licenses where the author/artist denotes what media may be shared, remixed or reused.

Proxies

Circumventing content filtering is strictly prohibited and is a direct violation of this agreement.

Use of Personal Devices:

All devices used on the DYRSD network must be owned by the DYRSD. No personal devices may be connected to the network.

Accessing/Posting Inappropriate Material

Accessing, submitting, posting, publishing, forwarding, downloading, scanning, or displaying materials (including photos of students and staff) that are defamatory, abusive, obscene, vulgar, sexually explicit, sexually suggestive, threatening, discriminatory, harassing and/or illegal is a violation of this agreement.

Photos and Video

Students are not to take pictures or videos of staff or students without staff permission. Any student use of cameras in DYRSD should be part of a class or club activity. Unapproved camera use is a violation of this agreement.

Malicious Use/Vandalism

Any malicious use, disruption, or harm to District technology, networks, and Internet services, including but not limited to hacking activities and creation/uploading of computer viruses is a violation of this agreement.

Classroom Expectations

Failure to follow teacher direction in regards to the use of devices/tools/websites during class is a violation of this agreement.

If you have any questions regarding this document and/or our plans for technology integration, you are encouraged to contact your child's building principal.

Student Pledge of Responsibility

I have read, understand, and will follow this Acceptable Use Agreement. If I break this agreement, the consequences could include suspension of computer privileges and/or additional disciplinary action. I also understand the school network, email, and accounts are owned by the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District (DYRSD). The District has the right to access any of the information used through the mediums provided through the school at any time.

Student Name (please print)

Date

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Acceptable Use Signature

Parent collaboration and consent are essential components of our technology integration initiatives. Working together is crucial to ensure you understand the different programs that are taking place at school, whether they are using technology or not. We encourage you to have your children guide you through their work so you will see their work as it develops. As parents, students, and teachers work together we become a strong learning community, thereby, creating more opportunities for our students to become successful.

As the parent or guardian of this child, I have read the DYRSD Acceptable Use Agreement. I understand that technology is provided for educational purposes in keeping with the academic goals of DYRSD, and that student use for any other purpose is inappropriate. I recognize it is impossible for the school to restrict access to all controversial materials and I will not hold the school responsible for material acquired on the school network. I understand that children's computer activities at home should be supervised as they can affect the academic environment at school.

I understand and will support my child in adhering to this Acceptable Use Agreement. I am aware that if my child breaks this agreement, the consequences could include suspension of computer privileges and/or disciplinary action. I also understand the school network and e-mail accounts are owned by DYRSD and the District has the right to access any of the information used through the mediums provided by the school at any time. I hereby give permission for my child to use technology resources at DYRSD.

Parent/Guardian Name (please print)

Date

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