

# DEVINE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

## STUDENT ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

### 2022-2023

#### ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION AND DATA MANAGEMENT POLICY (CQ)

Access to the District's electronic communications system, including the Internet, shall be made available to students for instructional purposes and in accordance with local policy.

Access to the District's electronic communications system is a privilege, not a right. All users shall be required to acknowledge receipt and understanding of administrative policy governing use of the system and shall agree in writing to comply with such regulation. Noncompliance with applicable regulations may result in suspension or termination of privileges and other disciplinary action consistent with District policies. {DH (legal), DH (local), & FNCJ,}. Violations of law may result in criminal prosecution as well as disciplinary action by the District.

The District's system will be used for educational purposes consistent with the District's mission and goals. Commercial use of the District's system is strictly prohibited.

#### **THE FOLLOWING STANDARDS WILL APPLY TO ALL USERS OF THE DISTRICT'S ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM:**

1. The individual in whose name a system account is issued will be responsible at all times for its proper use. Passwords and other information related to system and network access are restricted to that individual and must not be shared with anyone else.
2. The system may not be used for illegal purposes, in support of illegal activities, or for any other activity prohibited by District policy.
3. Attempts to access blocked content, abuse search engines, and circumvent DISD's content filter are grounds for account termination.
4. Unauthorized network devices are not to be connected to a DISD network.
5. The system and all associated computers will be used for business or educational purposes only.
6. System users may NOT download, upload, install, or copy screensavers, mp3 files, games or any other software to DISD computers. This includes copyrighted materials such as music and movies.
7. Usage of DISD DVDR (DVDR writer) units is designated for educational use only.
8. Flash drives are for school work only; unauthorized files are prohibited. These include flash games, software from your personal computer, another drive, or from the Internet.

Any malicious attempt to harm or destroy District equipment or materials, data, of another user of the District's system, or any of the agencies or other networks that are connected to the Internet is prohibited. Deliberate attempts to degrade or disrupt system performance may be viewed as violations of District policy and, possibly, as criminal activity under applicable state and federal laws. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creating of computer viruses.

Vandalism as defined above will result in the cancellation of system use privileges and will require restitution for costs associated with system restoration, hardware, or software costs.

Forgery or attempted forgery of electronic mail messages is prohibited. Attempts to read, delete, copy, or modify the electronic mail of other system users or deliberate interference with the ability of other system users to send/receive electronic mail is prohibited.

System users and parents of system users with access to the District's system should be aware that use of the system may provide access to other electronic communications systems in the global electronic

network that may contain inaccurate and/or objectionable material. The District will take reasonable steps to preclude access to such material.

A student knowingly bringing prohibited materials into the school's electronic environment will be subject to suspension and/or revocation of privileges on the District's system and will be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

**SYSTEM USERS ARE EXPECTED TO OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING NETWORK ETIQUETTE:**

1. Be polite; messages typed in capital letters are the computer equivalent of shouting and are considered rude.
2. Use appropriate language; swearing, vulgarity, ethnic or racial slurs, and other inflammatory languages are prohibited.
3. Pretending to be someone else when sending/receiving messages are considered inappropriate.
4. Transmitting obscene messages or pictures is prohibited.
5. Revealing personal addresses or phone numbers of the user or others is prohibited.
6. Using the network in such a way that would disrupt the use of the network by other users is prohibited.

The District may suspend or revoke a system user's access to the District's system upon violation of District policy/or administrative regulations regarding acceptable use.

*The provisions above are taken from DISD Board Policy CQ (LOCAL).*

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**STUDENT AGREEMENT FOR PARTICIPATION IN AN ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION SYSTEM**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Campus \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print)

I have read the District's electronic communications system policy and acceptable use policy and agree to abide by its provisions. I understand that violation of these provisions may result in suspension or revocation of system access.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**PARENT OR GUARDIAN AGREEMENT**

I have read the District's electronic communications system policy and acceptable use guidelines. In consideration for the privilege of using the District's electronic communications system, and in consideration for having access to public networks, I hereby release the District and its operators from any and all claims of any nature arising from my child's use of, or inability to use, the system.

☐ I give permission for my child to participate in the District's electronic communications system.

☐ I do not give permission for my child to participate in the District's electronic communications system.

**PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

Students and Parent/Guardian, please sign and remove signature portion. Please give that segment to your classroom teacher.