

INTERNET USE POLICY

Introduction:

The Internet is a worldwide network of computers that enables global communication and collaboration. It offers an increasingly essential, vast array of resources to the community. The goals of the Derry School District in providing Internet access are to: instruct students in responsible use of this resource by integrating it into existing curriculum; promote educational excellence by facilitating communications for resource sharing and innovation. Use of the Internet enriches curriculum by providing students with access to educational resources worldwide including; the Library of Congress, the Smithsonian and NASA.

The purpose of this document is to state the District's guidelines for acceptable use of the Internet. These guidelines are a practical and logical extension of our school's commitment to conduct that is legal, ethical, and considerate.

The school district cannot control the information available over the Internet and therefore cannot be held responsible for the accuracy, quality and content of any material retrieved. Parents/guardians must understand their child may encounter material that is objectionable. The student is responsible for not pursuing objectionable/inappropriate material.

Policy:

It is the policy of the Derry School District to maintain an environment that promotes ethical and responsible conduct in all online network activities by staff and students. It is a violation of this policy for any student to engage in any activity that does not conform to established purpose or which violates the guidelines described in this document. The use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate or unacceptable use will result in immediate cancellation of that privilege.

Network storage areas, including disk files and e-mail folders, may be treated like school lockers. System administrators may review these to maintain system integrity and to ensure adherence to the terms of this document.

Users should not expect files stored on district servers/disks will always remain private.

Acceptable Uses Include:

Support of assigned classroom projects including research and e-mail. Purposes that are consistent with the educational objectives of the district.

Specifically Unacceptable Uses:

Using the Internet for any illegal purpose.
Sending or displaying offensive messages or pictures.
Using obscene language.
Harassing, insulting or attacking others.
Damaging computers, computer systems or computer networks.
Violating copyright laws.
Trespassing in others' folders, work or files.
Intentionally wasting limited resources.
Employing the Internet for commercial purposes.
Spreading or creating computer viruses.
Misrepresenting oneself.

Rules for Personal Security on the Internet:

Do not give out any personal information such as home address, phone number, parent's workplace.
Never arrange to get together with someone you "meet" on-line without being accompanied by an adult you know and trust.
Do not respond to any illicit or suspicious activities and immediately report them to the system administrator and your parents/guardians.

Responsibilities & Consequences:

Students must understand the rules and regulations of the document.
Students should ask for assistance with any rule they do not understand.
Students must realize that if the rules are violated their Internet access will be canceled.
Students must understand that there will be no second chances.

Permission:

If you have read the Derry School District Acceptable Use Policy and wish to give your child permission to use the Internet at school, you will need to sign and return a copy of this policy that will be given to your child on the first day of school.