

## **ACCEPTABLE INTERNET AND PERSONAL TECHNOLOGY USE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY**

The Dickinson School District believes Internet access plays an important role in the education of students; however, the Internet also contains content that is not appropriate for students and staff to access. In accordance with federal law, the District has taken reasonable precautions to restrict access to materials obscene, pornographic, and/or harmful to minors through the use of software designed to block sites containing inappropriate material. While the District has taken such preventive measures, it recognizes that it is not possible to fully guarantee that students and/or staff will never access objectionable materials.

### **Education**

The District shall provide education to students about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms, and cyberbullying awareness and response.

Students bringing personal technology to school including, but not limited to, cell phones, tablets, laptops, and handheld games, must adhere to the Student Use of Personal Technology Policy (FFI), classroom and/or building rules related to personal technology use, and all other applicable student conduct policies.

### **Monitoring Use**

Internet access is a privilege, not a right. Network storage areas shall be subject to the same scrutiny as school lockers for students. Staff shall have no reasonable expectation of privacy when using district computers and/or networks and shall use this technology solely for work-related purposes. Network administrators may view files and communications to maintain the integrity of the system and to ensure proper and responsible use of the system. Teachers and administrators will exercise supervision of student use.

### **Prohibitions**

The District subscribes to the acceptable use policies of EduTech. All district computer users shall abide by this policy. The Superintendent or designee may take disciplinary measures when any of the following actions occur:

1. using obscene language;
2. accessing or creating pornographic files or sites and/or other inappropriate material;
3. harassing, insulting, threatening, alarming, or attacking others;
4. damaging computers, computer systems, or computer networks;
5. violating copyright, trademark, trade secret, or other intellectual property laws;
6. using or participating in chat lines, chat rooms, and social networking sites for personal and/or non-curricular purposes;
7. using another's password or representing oneself as another;
8. trespassing into another's folders, work, or files;
9. intentionally wasting network resources, including, but not limited to, emailing chain letters and/or broadcasting inappropriate messages;
10. employing the network for political purposes as defined by state law, financial gain and/or commercial purposes;
11. revealing anyone's personal information, such as, but not limited to, an address or phone number without appropriate consent. Students are prohibited from revealing

personal information about themselves and/or others without obtaining written consent in accordance with the Federal Education Rights and Privacy Act and receiving administrative approval;

12. using personal technology to violate a student conduct policy including, but not limited to, policies on cheating and bullying while on school property or at a school-sponsored event;
13. using personal technology to photograph or video record any person during the school day. The District may also take disciplinary action if students are transmitting any photo or video using personal technology during the school day. Building principals are authorized to make exceptions to this rule for bona fide classroom activities and in accordance with the "exceptions" section of this policy;
14. using personal technology to photograph or video record inappropriate content and/or transmit inappropriate content while on school property and/or participating in school-sponsored events;
15. displaying and/or using personal technology in areas where there is a reasonable expectation of privacy on school property and at school-sponsored events. Students are strongly discouraged from possessing personal technology in areas where there is a reasonable expectation of privacy on school property and at school-sponsored events;
16. using personal technology to compromise district networks or access confidential material on district networks. The District may also take disciplinary action against a student who has used personal technology to engage in hacking, trolling, accessing or transmitting inappropriate material, spamming, sending viruses, and/or engaging in illegal or other inappropriate activity while on school property or participating in school-sponsored activity;
17. using personal technology disruptively or in a manner that potentially compromises the safety of others on district property and during school activities; or
18. other activities or actions deemed inappropriate and not in the best interest of the District, its employees, and students.

~~To ensure safety and efficiency, students are prohibited from using personal technology between classes in district hallways, when entering and exiting district transportation, and when required to be in line for activities such as, but not limited to, recess and lunch.~~

### **Violations**

Violation of this policy will, at a minimum, result in the following disciplinary consequences for students:

1. First offense (Level I)
  - a. Loss of SENDIT/email and Internet privileges for four weeks;
  - b. Parents contacted.
2. Second offense (Level II)
  - a. Loss of SENDIT/email and Internet privileges for at least the remainder of the year.
  - b. Parents contacted.

3. A student may be subject to Level II disciplinary action and/or other appropriate disciplinary measures on his/her first offense if administration deems this necessary based on the severity of the offense.

Violations of this acceptable use policy or any applicable federal or state law, rule, or regulation may also result in disciplinary action up to and including expulsion for students or termination of employment for staff.

### Consent

~~All students and staff must consent to this policy in writing prior to accessing district networks and/or computers.~~

Parents and students are required to sign this form as a condition of using personal technology in schools. By signing this form, you agree to the above rules and the following:

1. Students take full responsibility for the security of their devices. The school is not responsible for personal technology that is lost, stolen or damaged on school property or during school-sponsored activities.
2. Personal devices should not be left at school after normal school hours.
3. Students are responsible for maintaining their personal device's software and hardware. Staff should not assist in keeping personal devices charged, installing updates or upgrades, and/or fixing any software/hardware issues.
4. To ensure appropriate network filters, students will ~~register personal technology with [list title] when using~~ use the district's wireless network in school and will not attempt to bypass the district's network restrictions by using personal cellular and/or wireless networks.
5. The District may confiscate personal technology when a student is using it in violation of policy FFI, student conduct policies, classroom and/or building rules.
6. A building principal or Superintendent is authorized to search student personal technology when s/he has credible, specific, and timely reason to believe that the device contains evidence of wrongdoing by a student or potential harm to self or others.

I agree to assume all the risks and responsibilities associated with bringing personal technology to school.

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(Parent signature)

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(Date)

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(Parent name - Please print)

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(Student signature)

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(Date)

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(Student name, grade, and building - Please print)

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Complementary Documents

- ABCA, Copyrighted Material & Intellectual Property
- [FFI, Student Use of Personal Technology](#)
- [FFI-AR, Use of Technology in the Classroom](#)
- FFK, Suspension & Expulsion
- FFK-BR, Suspension & Expulsion Regulations
- FGA, Student Records
- FGCA, Searches of Lockers

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