

DODGELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Policy Manual

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STUDENT TECHNOLOGY USE

Technology is a valuable tool for students, staff, and community. Along with this tool comes a responsibility to maintain the standards of excellence that are highly visible in the Dodgeland School District. Unless otherwise specified, this technology use policy and related implementing rules shall apply equally to all students enrolled in the Dodgeland School District (DSD).

The Dodgeland School District Network (DSDN) is a local and wide-area technology network that also provides access to public networks. The purpose of the DSDN is to promote the exchange of information to further education and research in a manner that is consistent with the mission of the District.

Use of technology is a privilege, not a right, and presumes the responsible use of technology equipment and adherence to general rules for appropriate conduct. Users have no rights of privacy and should not presume that information created, sent, received, accessed, deleted or stored on the District's system will be private. Any messages, communication, or files that have utilized the District's technology equipment or network in any manner shall be subject to review by appropriate supervisory authorities of the District to maintain the system integrity, and ensure appropriate use. The District reserves the right to monitor access, remove, and/or disclose the content of such messages, communication or files without prior notice to the students consistent with legal requirements. The District has software, systems and resources that provide access to technology use occurring on the network at any time and without user permission, including the monitoring and recording of Internet and e-mail use.

To the extent practical and consistent with federal legal requirements, technology protection measures (or "Internet filters") shall be used to block or filter Internet, or other forms of electronic communications, access to inappropriate information, including written material and/or visual depictions that are obscene, child pornography or harmful to minors. Since no technology protection measure can block all inappropriate material, the District emphasizes the importance of supervision. District staff shall be responsible for monitoring and supervising all users of technology network resources including the Internet and e-mail.

The District prohibits use of the technology system for any purpose in violation of the District's nondiscrimination and anti-harassment/bullying policies, including the misuse of technology referred to as "cyber-bullying." Users shall not knowingly or recklessly use technology to send or post false or defamatory information about a person or organization. Acts of defamation, harassment and/or bullying that originate from non-school technology networks or equipment may be subject to disciplinary or legal action if the conduct is determined to be substantially disruptive to the educational process and the day-to-day operations of a school.

It is the responsibility of each user to provide for the reasonable care of technology, including hardware and software in that individual's possession, or while being used by that individual. Users assume all responsibility for damage done to District technology caused by food and/or drinks or other negligent actions. Vandalism to equipment may result in cancellation of privileges, restitution, and/or legal action. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to destroy data, software, or hardware. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses.

The District recognizes and supports the limitations imposed by copyright laws. Students shall comply with legal requirements, and District policy and rules governing copyrighted materials. Fines and other costs that result from copyright infringements shall be the responsibility of the user.

District established guidelines shall be followed when creating school Web pages in order to maintain high standards, consistency and integrity. These guidelines provide direction for the District Web activities and are not intended to limit creativity. The District believes that parents and students have the right to determine the use of pictures and names in any publication, including Web pages.

The creation of Web pages by students shall be done under the direct supervision of designated staff members and linked to the district's home page only with authorization by the Information Technology Department. Student Web pages shall be clearly identified as student-created products and include the disclaimer that the opinions of the student(s) do not necessarily represent the District.

The District provides all necessary electronics devices for the purpose of education in regard to the mission and operation of the Dodgeland School District. All electronic devices used during school hours or activities shall be the property of the District and are subject to the same policy provisions and rules as any other technology equipment. The District restricts the use of personal electronic devices during school hours and activities unless authorized by a teacher for a specific educational use.

Violations related to technology use on District equipment or the network may result in a loss of access, other disciplinary action and/or legal action based on the discretion of administration in accordance with legal requirements, District policy and established procedures. Violations related to technology use of personal electronic devices may include temporary or permanent confiscation of devices.

The District will provide instruction on standards of acceptable technology use and Internet safety as part of technology courses and as part of instruction within regular classrooms. Students shall receive training in the use of the District network, and the requirements of this policy and applicable rules. Instruction will include appropriate use of online resources (i.e., social networking sites, chat rooms and blogs), and cyber-bullying awareness and response. Staff will address the ethical and practical problems caused by technology misuse such as software piracy and other copyright infringements.

Student technology accounts have restricted rights and privileges. Each user shall have a current "User Agreement" form on file with the school office that is signed by the user and parent/guardian, if the user is a minor.

Dodgeland School District makes no warranties of any kind, either express or implied, that the functions or the services provided by or through the District technology system will be error-free or without defect. Interpretation, application, and modification of this policy are within the sole discretion of the Dodgeland School District. Questions or issues regarding this policy shall be directed to District administration.

LEGAL REF: Sections 118.001; 120.13(1); 943.70(2); 947.0125 Wisconsin Statutes
Children's Internet Protection Act
Neighborhood Children's Internet Protection Act
Children's Online Privacy Act
Federal Copyright Law [17 U.S.C.]
Technology Education and Copyright Harmonization Act (TEACH Act)
Broadband Data Improvement Act of 2008 (Title II)

CROSS REF: 363.2 – Rule, Student Technology Use Guidelines
363.2 – Exhibit, Student Technology Use – User Agreement
347-Rule, Guidelines for Maintenance and Confidentiality of Student Records
363.3, Technology Concerns for Students and Staff with Special Needs
447, Student Discipline
731.1, Locker Room Privacy
771.1, Use of Copyrighted Materials
823, Access to Public Records
District Technology Plan

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