

# Davie County Schools

## STUDENT

### Acceptable Use Agreement, Grades K-12

In framing the following Acceptable Use Agreement, in accordance of policy 3225-Internet and Educational Program in the Davie County School Board of Education Policy Manual, it should be noted that the overall vision of the county is to use as much technology as possible for the furtherance of education both inside and outside the classroom. Technology is a tool and should be used in accordance with the goals of 21st century learning whenever possible.

Davie County Schools place restrictions on the use of technology during the school day for the purpose of protecting students from obscene or profane materials and to guard the network from damage and/or loss of content.

If any student has a question or concern about the use of a personal technology tool on school grounds, please ask your Technology Facilitator that is located at each school about its appropriateness. Every effort will be made to incorporate the use of reasonable and effective use of technology in the classroom.

#### **1. Acceptable Use**

Davie County Schools' network is to be used in a responsible, efficient, ethical, and legal manner and must be in support of educational objectives and student behavior guidelines of Davie County Schools. General school rules for behavior apply as outlined in Board Policy. Transmission of any material in violation of any federal or state regulation is prohibited.

#### **Unacceptable uses include, but are not limited to, the following:**

- Violating copyright laws
- Cheating through the use of technology
- Forwarding personal communications without the author's prior consent
- Sending chain letters or soliciting money for any reason
- Using/accessing threatening or obscene material
- Distributing material protected by trade secret
- Utilizing the network for commercial purposes
- Providing political or campaign information
- Using offensive or harassing statements or language including obscenity, profanity, vulgarity and or disparagement of other based on one's race, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, political beliefs, and religious beliefs
- Sending or soliciting sexually oriented messages, images or other media
- Using logins other than those designated for educational purposes by authorized school personnel
- Using logins that are not previously assigned to you by authorized school personnel
- Changing settings on the computer, monitor, or other equipment
- Accessing chat groups not approved by authorized school personnel
- Playing non-educational games

## 2. Privileges

The use of Davie County Schools' network is a **privilege, not a right**. The network is provided for students to conduct research and complete assigned tasks. Inappropriate use will result in limitation or cancellation of user privileges and may result in school disciplinary action.

## 3. Disciplinary Action

The following measures can be taken as a result of unacceptable use:

- Davie County Schools reserves the right to restrict or deny access to school owned devices and school network.
- School disciplinary action as defined by Davie County Schools' Board Policy 4300-Student Behavior Policies, section D Consequences for Violations.
- Civil and/or criminal prosecution

## 4. Security

Security on any computer system is a high priority, especially when the system involves many users. Attempts to login to the system as any other user or to share a password may result in cancellation of user privileges, possible school disciplinary action and may be reported to the authorities for civil or criminal prosecution. If a security problem is identified, notify the Technology Facilitator at the school immediately. Do not demonstrate the problem to other users.

## 5. Privacy

Davie County Schools reserves the right to review files and communications to maintain system integrity and insure that users are using the system responsibly. Users should not assume that files stored on district servers and hard drives of individual computers will always be private. The school email account is not guaranteed to be private; designated school personnel have access to all mail. Information that is sent or received related to or in support of illegal activities may result in school disciplinary action and may be reported to the authorities for civil and/or criminal prosecution.

## 6. Vandalism

Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy equipment, programs, and/or data. This includes, but is not limited to, uploading, creating, or transmitting computer viruses or software used to circumvent system security. Vandalism may result in cancellation of user privileges, **financial responsibilities**, school disciplinary action, and may be reported to the authorities for civil and/or criminal prosecution.

## 7. Accounts

Network and email accounts will be assigned at the beginning of the school year. Students are given these accounts for instructional purposes only. Personal communications should be conveyed with a non-school email account. Students should not assume that information in these accounts will always be private. School administrators may access these accounts if deemed necessary and email will be monitored. Messages that are sent or received relating to or in support of illegal activities may result in school disciplinary action and may be reported to the authorities for civil and/or criminal prosecution.

## 8. Non-School Owned, Personal Devices

Students will be allowed to bring their own personal computing devices to be used in classrooms for educational purposes. Personal devices will be permitted on the “guest” wireless network connection for Internet access ONLY. This **does not include** access to Davie County Schools’ network resources. While personally-owned devices are allowed, the following, but not limited to, guidelines are:

- The teacher has the discretion to allow/disallow the use of personal devices in the classroom.
- To access Internet, student may ONLY be connected to the “guest” wireless connection. Use of a cellular data connection, 3G/4G/Edge, is not permitted.
- Devices may not be used to cheat or for non-instructional purposes (making phone call and texting).
- Students may not use any device to record, transmit, or post images or videos taken of a person or persons on school campus during school activities and/or school hours without prior approval by school personnel.
- Personal devices should be charged and recharged **outside** of school, unless prior approval by school personnel.
- Students may not attempt to harm Davie County Schools’ network while using the “guest” wireless network.
- Social Networking will be strictly prohibited during school hours.

Davie County Schools does not take responsibility for lost, stolen, or damaged personal devices. Davie County Schools will not repair personal devices that were damaged on or off school grounds. Students are responsible for their digital property and should take appropriate actions to ensure any devices brought on school property are secure throughout the school day. Any uses of personal devices that are deemed inappropriate or non-educational may result in school disciplinary action, device to be taken by school personnel, or cancellation of user privileges.

## 9. Network Connected, School Owned Devices

As a student of Davie County Schools you will be given the privilege to use school owned devices that are connected to the Davie County Schools’ network inside the classroom for educational purposes. The use of these school owned devices is a **privilege, not a right**. Each of these devices are monitored and teachers will maintain a list of students and devices used. Vandalism of these devices will not be tolerated. Vandalism will result in cancellation of user privileges, **financial responsibilities**, school disciplinary action, and may be reported to the authorities for civil and/or criminal prosecution.

## 10. Disclaimer

Davie County Schools offers electronic network access for students within the school system. The purpose of having the electronic network is to support the North Carolina Standard Course of Study, interactive learning, problem based learning activities, critical thinking skills, and lifelong learning opportunities. Davie County Schools utilizes an Internet content filter to screen inappropriate Internet website and information. However, this does not guarantee that inappropriate content cannot be accessed. Davie County Schools will not be responsible for any damages suffered, including loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, service interruptions, or inaccurate information. The end-user accepts personal responsibility for any information obtained or delivered via the network, including the sharing of personal information such as home address, and checking account/credit card information.



A signed copy of the Acceptable Use Agreement will be kept on file.

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Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Homeroom Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Agreement:**

I further understand that any violation of the above Acceptable Use Agreement for Davie County Schools will result in school disciplinary action, possible loss of access privileges, and may be reported to the authorities.

**Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent or Guardian Agreement:**

I have read the above Acceptable Use Agreement for Davie County Schools and understand that this access is designed for educational purposes only. I also recognize that it is impossible to restrict access to all inappropriate materials. However, I accept full responsibility for my child's compliance with the above Acceptable Use Agreement and, hereby, give my permission for my child to use Davie County Schools' network.

**Parent or Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_