



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RESPONSIBLE USE AND DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP AGREEMENT

At Dover-Sherborn Public Schools, we want students, teachers, and staff to use digital tools to help everyone learn and connect with the world. We believe that being able to use technology and find information on the Internet is meaningful for learning.

Using the Internet safely and responsibly is important for all students. It helps students learn skills they need today and in the future. We follow important laws that keep students safe online, like the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) and the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA).

The Dover-Sherborn Responsible Use Policy is put in place, reviewed, and approved by the School Committee every year to follow existing law and balance the desire to use technology with the need to protect students.

Using your device and the internet for learning is a privilege, and any privilege comes with responsibility. Here are the expectations when you are using school devices and our network.

How should I use technology?

- I will use my device when a teacher asks me during class, during my own study time or during breaks.
- I will put my devices away when a teacher says it's time for a device break.
- I will take care of any school devices as if they were my own.

What should I do with technology?

- I will use my device to learn new things.
- I will check information to verify that it is true.
- I will give credit to the creators of content that is not mine.

How should I interact with other people?

- I will be a good cyber-friend, including being honest and kind online.
- I will ask a teacher or parent before contacting someone online I don't already know.
- I will not share personal information (like home address or birthdate) about myself or others online.
- I will give feedback and comments in ways that make others feel supported.
- I will use appropriate language and won't make others feel uncomfortable because of the things I say.

What happens when something goes wrong?

- When I do something that is not in line with this agreement, I will talk to a teacher or trusted adult who will help me figure out how to make it right.
- I will immediately stop and tell a trusted adult if anything happens on the computer or online that does not seem right or makes me feel uncomfortable.

I understand that using any school technology is a privilege I must earn. If I don't keep my part of this agreement, I understand that privileges may be removed for a time and that I may face additional consequences.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____