



STUDENT and PARENT AGREEMENT FOR ACCEPTABLE USE OF THE ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

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You are being given access to the District's electronic communications system(s). Through this system(s), you will be able to communicate with other schools, colleges, organizations, and people around the world through the Internet and other electronic information systems/networks. You will have access to hundreds of databases, libraries, and computer services.

With this educational opportunity comes responsibility. It is important that you read the District policy, administrative regulations, and agreement form and ask questions if you need help in understanding them. Inappropriate system use will result in the loss of the privilege of using this educational tool.

Please note that the Internet is a network of many types of communication and information networks. It is possible that you may run across areas of adult content and some material you (or your parents) might find objectionable. While the district has a technology protection measure in place, it is not possible to absolutely prevent such access. It will be your responsibility to follow the rules for appropriate use.

RULES FOR APPROPRIATE USE

- Students in grades K-12 may be assigned individual accounts. If you are assigned an individual account (grades 5-12), you are responsible for not sharing the user name and password for that account with others and are to never use a generic login/account.
- The account is to be used only for educational purposes that are consistent with the educational objectives of Decatur ISD.
- You will be held responsible at all times for the proper use of your account, and the District may suspend or revoke your access if you violate the rules as identified below.
- Remember that people who receive e-mail from you with a school address might think your message represents the School's point of view.
- Students must not release personal information on the Internet or electronic communications.
- If a student finds an inappropriate site or image, he or she must immediately minimize the program and contact the instructor.

INAPPROPRIATE USES

- Using the system(s) for any illegal purpose.
- Using someone else's account.
- Any changes in hardware or software configuration.
- Posting personal information about yourself or others.
- Downloading, installing or using copyrighted information without written permission from the copyright holder or using plagiarized information.
- Posting messages or accessing materials that are abusive, obscene, sexually oriented, threatening, harassing, disrespectful, profane, damaging to another's reputation, or illegal.
- Wasting school resources through improper use of the computer system(s).
- Any attempt to gain unauthorized access to restricted information or resources.
- Purposefully misrepresenting yourself or others.

CONSEQUENCES FOR INAPPROPRIATE USE

- Suspension of access to the system(s);
- Revocation of the computer system account; or
- Other disciplinary or legal action, in accordance with the District policies and applicable laws.

This student agreement will remain in effect for the duration of student's enrollment in Decatur ISD. If the Student and Parent/Guardian wish to rescind this agreement they may do so at any time with written notice. I understand that my computer use is not private and that the District will monitor my activity on the computer system(s). I have read the District's electronic communications system policy and administrative regulations and agree to abide by their provisions. In consideration for the privilege of using the District's electronic communications system(s) and in consideration for having access to the public networks, I hereby release the District, its operators, and any institutions with which they are affiliated from any and all claims and damages of any nature arising from my use of, or inability to use, the system(s), including, without limitation, the type of damages identified in the District's policy and administrative regulations.

The district makes no guarantee that the functions or the services provided by or through the district system will be error-free or without defect. The district will not be responsible for any damage the user may suffer, including but not limited to, loss of data or interruptions of service. The district is not responsible for the accuracy or quality of the information obtained through or stored on the system. The district will not be responsible for financial obligations arising from unauthorized use of the system.

**The Student and a Parent/Guardian must
sign the Agreement Form on the next page.**



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Student

Name: _____ Grade: _____

School: _____

I understand that my computer use is not private and the DISD will monitor my activity on the computer system(s). I have read the DISD Electronic Communication System policy and agree to abide by their provisions. I understand that violation of these provisions may result in suspension, revocation of system access or discipline according student Code of Conduct.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent or Guardian

I have read the District's electronic communications system policy. In consideration for the privilege of using the DISD's electronic communication system(s) and in consideration for having access to the public networks, I hereby release the DISD, its operators, and any institutions with which they are affiliated from any and all claims and damages of any nature arising from my child's use of, or inability to use, the system(s), including, without limitation, the type of damage identified in the District's policy.

____ I **give my permission** for my child to participate in the District's electronic communication system(s) **including** using computers and the Internet and certify that the information contained on this form is correct.

____ I **give my permission** for my child to participate in the District's electronic communication system(s) **excluding** the use of the Internet and certify that the information contained on this form is correct.

____ I **do not give permission** for my child to participate in the District's electronic communication system(s) including using computers and the Internet. I have read the Acceptable Use Policy for the electronic communication and data management and do not want my child to participate in the electronic communication system(s) of the school.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____