

Descriptor Title: STUDENT TECHNOLOGY ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY	Descriptor Code: IJP	Adopted Date: July, 2008
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STUDENT TECHNOLOGY ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

Dear Parent/Guardian & Student:

DeSoto County School System is pleased to offer students access to computer usage to enhance academic development and skills in using media that are commonly found in all aspects of our daily lives. DeSoto County Schools is CIPA (Child Internet Protection Act) and COPPA (Children’s On-line Privacy Protection Act) compliant. Recognizing that no filtering solution can be 100% effective, it is understood that all technology protection measures do not and will not work perfectly. In complying with CIPA, DCS is expected to engage in a “good faith effort” to abide by the requirements of CIPA/FERPA. CIPA/FERPA does not create a private right to action, meaning that the discovery of objectionable material on a computer cannot result in a lawsuit complaining that a school violated CIPA/FERPA.

Due to the fragile nature of the equipment being used and the nature of much of the material available over the Internet, this form must be signed by you and your child before use of the equipment will be allowed. The use of the Internet is a PRIVILEGE, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges and/or disciplinary action. The administrator of the school and/or the school technology committee will determine if an action is inappropriate use and their decision is final. This is a legal and binding document.

As a DeSoto County School parent, I understand that my child is enrolled in the DeSoto County School System and will need to be able to use the computers/equipment at school. I understand, as well, that my child may be involved in research projects and class activities involving the Internet. As parent or guardian, I also understand that I will be responsible for my child concerning the following items:

1. Students will not use the Internet provided at their school for illegal purposes of any kind.
2. Students will not use the Internet provided at their school to transmit, receive, or view material that is pornographic in nature.
3. Students will not use the Internet provided at their school to transmit, receive or view material that is threatening or harassing in nature.
4. Students will not use the Internet provided at their school in an attempt to gain access or “hack” into computer systems that they have no permission to use.
5. Students will not use the Internet provided at their school to access any student records existing on the schools’ networks.
6. Students will not use the Internet provided at their school to propagate computer viruses.

7. Students will not use the Internet provided at their school for the purpose of lobbying or distributing of political information.
8. Students will not use the Internet provided at their school for commercial ventures of purchasing, selling, taking orders or placing orders. DeSoto County Schools is not responsible for credit card fraud and theft incurred by using personal or commercial credit card numbers on the Internet access provided at my school.
9. Students will not damage, abuse or misuse the equipment provided for their use at their school.
10. Students will not make changes to the screen or appearance of the desktop on computers provided at their school.
11. Students will not load games or other software brought from home or downloaded from the Internet onto the computers provided for their use.
12. Students will not attempt to bypass school internet filters by way of internet proxy sites.
13. Students will not use the Internet provided at their school to access social networking websites, chat rooms, instant messaging systems, etc.
14. Students will not use the Internet provided at their school to engage in Cyberbullying of any type.
15. Students will not use the Internet and/or computer to violate any state or federal law (ie. Copyright law).

The above terms take into consideration the necessity for Internet access for educational purposes as well as personal development. The primary purpose of the Internet access provided by DeSoto County Schools is for research and discovery or educational media and information.

******* PLEASE RETAIN THIS PAGE FOR YOUR INFORMATION *******

TO BE KEPT ON FILE AT SCHOOL AND TRACKED THROUGH POWERSCHOOL

For Students and Parents/Guardians:

Please read the Acceptable Use Policy for Internet, Electronic Mail, and Equipment Responsibility that is attached. Signing below indicates the parent's/guardian's permission for the student to access the Internet and the student's agreement to follow district policy regarding computer usage and Internet usage. Inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of such privileges and/or disciplinary action. If a signed parental permission is not on file, the student will not be allowed to use on-line services. I understand my child will be educated in Cyberbullying and Internet Safety. I also understand that the district provides a "Cyber Safety Zone" on the website for access at all times.

Student's Name/Grade

Teacher's Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

PUBLICATION OF PICTURE/SCHOOLWORK AGREEMENT:

We ask your permission to use your child's picture and/or schoolwork, or an edited selection of schoolwork, in the following ways without liability to the DeSoto County School District:

1. On the District's Website.
The Web Site will use student's first name and/or first name and last initial only. Personal information such as home address, phone number, social security number, or names of family members will not be used. Any information that indicates the physical location of a student at a given time other than attendance at a particular school or participation in school activities will not be used. Schoolwork may include, but is not limited to, art, written papers, class projects, and computer projects.
2. In material printed by the District or printed by publishers outside the District. Printed material may include a child's full name. Printed material may include, but is not limited to, brochures, newspaper articles, and print advertisements.
3. In videos.
Videos may include videos produced and broadcast by the District or produced and broadcast by news organizations and others who receive approval from the District.

_____ **Yes**, my child's schoolwork or picture can be used on the District's Web site, in printed publications and/or videos.

_____ **No**, my child's schoolwork or picture **CANNOT** be used on the District's Web site, in printed publications or in videos.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

***** PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THIS FORM TO YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL*****