

De Soto School District #73
2017/2018 Student Technology Acceptable Use Agreement

Overview

Access to technology is necessary for the District's educational programs. The Internet offers extensive, diverse and unique resources to both students and teachers. We believe in the educational value of technology to support curriculum and student learning. Unless specifically requested by the student's parent or guardian, in writing, all students will have access to the District's technology and the Internet.

The De Soto School District takes exhaustive steps in providing a safe and secure network. Students will access the Internet through web filters and monitoring systems (http://www.sharpschool.com/products/safemail/human_monitoring_system/). The De Soto School District is in full compliance with Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) which became law on December 21, 2000. However, the Internet also includes material that is not of educational value in the context of a school setting. There is information which may be judged inaccurate, abusive, profane, sexually oriented, hate-based or illegal. De Soto School District does not condone or permit the use of this material. It is the joint responsibility of school staff and the parent or guardian of each student to educate the student about his or her responsibility when using the Internet. One of our school goals is to support students in responsible use of the Internet and technology in general. Student use of the Internet will be under supervision and will generally be for specific class projects. However, at times, students may access the Internet without direct supervision outside of normal school hours.

Internet Activities Not Permitted

- Searching for, viewing or retrieving content that is sexually explicit, profane, violent, abusive or illegal in any way, is prohibited. (If a student accidentally accesses such materials they must inform the teacher and leave the site immediately).
- Students may not use Virtual Private Networking (VPN) tools to circumvent District web filters.
- Students are prohibited from sending communications containing threats, profanity, sexual references, insults, harassment or obscene language.
- Students must not share personal information, such as usernames, passwords, home address, birth day, or phone numbers with other students or electronic contacts.
- Students are not permitted to play games or use other interactive sites during normal school hours unless specifically assigned by a teacher. Recreational use before and after school may be permitted in supervised areas.
- Students are responsible to insure that no malicious damage is done to computers, mice, printers, headphones, etc.
- Students may not copy, save or distribute copyrighted material without written consent from the author.
- Students may not download video or audio files for personal use onto District computer equipment that violates copyright laws.
- Students may not use the Internet to subscribe to services or purchase products.
- Students may not participate in any activity that violates District policy, school rules, local, state or federal law.
- Students will not use of any wired or wireless network (including third party Internet service providers) with equipment brought from home on the secured wireless network. Students may use the guest network for privately owned devices.
- Students may not access anonymous proxy sites whose purpose is to circumvent the filtering required for CIPA compliance.
- Students will promptly disclose to a teacher or other school employee any message received that is inappropriate or makes the student feel uncomfortable.

Sanctions

1. Violations may result in a loss of access to the school's computers and network.
2. Additional disciplinary action may be determined with existing school rules regarding inappropriate language or behavior.
3. Students may be held financially responsible for any malicious or reckless damage of District-owned equipment.

Due Process

The District will cooperate fully with local, state, or federal officials in any investigation related to any illegal activities conducted through the District network. In the event there is an allegation that a student has violated the District acceptable use regulation and agreement, an administrator will meet with the student and will be provided with a notice of the alleged violation. An opportunity will be provided to present an explanation before a neutral administrator, if requested. Disciplinary actions will be tailored to meet specific concerns related to the violation and to assist the student in gaining the self-discipline necessary to behave appropriately on an electronic network. Violations of the acceptable use regulation and agreement may result in a loss of access as well as other disciplinary or legal action. If the violation also involves a violation of other provisions of other school rules, it will be handled in a manner described in the school rules. Additional restrictions may be placed on a student's use of their account.

Limitation of Liability

The District makes no guarantee that the functions or the services provided by or through the District network will be error-free or without defect. The District will not be responsible for any damage suffered, including but not limited to, loss of data, privacy or interruptions of service. The District is not responsible for the accuracy or quality of the information obtained through or stored on the network. The District will not be responsible for financial obligations arising through the unauthorized use of the network. The District provides content filtering but not all malicious activity can be impeded. The District is not responsible for goods and/or services purchased or sold through District technology resources.

Student Acceptable Use Consent Form

Student Name(s)

School(s)

Grade(s)

I acknowledge that I have read, understand and agree to all the terms outlined in the De Soto School District Student Technology Acceptable Use Agreement. I further understand that as a user of technology resources owned and operated by the De Soto School District, I am responsible for my child's actions. I also acknowledge that De Soto School District cannot guarantee the privacy, security or confidentiality of any information sent or received via Email. Network administrators can review my e-mail, file folders, and communications to maintain system integrity and insure that I am using the system responsibly. I understand that any and all of the following sanctions outlined in the Acceptable Use Agreement could be imposed if I violate an agreement and/or procedure regarding the use of District technology resources. I further understand that this agreement is valid at all times that I have access to District technology, and will be kept on file.

Parent or Guardian Printed Name

Parent or Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Resources:

- Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) - <https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/childrens-internet-protection-act>
- Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) - <http://www2.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/ferpa/index.html>
- Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA) - <http://www.coppa.org>
- De Soto School District 73 Policy Page - http://www.desoto.k12.mo.us/administration/de_soto_board_of_education
- De Soto School District Privacy and Security Compliance Page - http://www.desoto.k12.mo.us/administration/departments/technology_department/privacy_and_security_compliance