

Instruction

Computer

Internet Safety Policy

David City Public Schools adopts and shall enforce a policy of making technology resources available only to advance educational goals and objectives, supplement instruction, and further school purposes. The operation and use of technology resources by students, staff, and the community shall be consistent with this Policy.

Technology resources include, without limitation, computers and related technology equipment, all forms of e-mail or electronic communication, and the Internet. The implementation of this Policy shall include technology protection measures with respect to computers and Internet access, consistent with District standards, the Children's Internet Protection Act and other applicable law. The Superintendent and the Superintendent's designees are authorized and directed to establish and enforce regulations, forms, procedures, guidelines, and specific District standards to implement this Policy.

"E-Mail"/Internet Access

The District offers certain staff and students of the David City Public Schools access to the district computer network, including electronic mail ("e-mail") and the Internet. To gain access to electronic mail (e-mail) and the Internet, all staff must sign and return the "Staff Agreement" form to the central office. Likewise, to gain access to e-mail and the Internet, all students attending the David City Public Schools must sign a "Student Agreement," and their parents must sign a "Parents Agreement," and return the forms to the administrative office of the school district. Student access to e-mail will be provided only relevant to educational endeavors and through a staff member's e-mail address.

Access to e-mail and the Internet will enable staff and students to explore thousands of libraries, data bases, and bulletin boards, while exchanging messages with Internet users throughout the world. Students and parents should be warned that some material accessible by the Internet may contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate, or potentially offensive to some people. While our intent is to make Internet access available to further educational goals and objectives, students may find ways to access other materials as well. We believe that the benefits to students from access to the Internet, in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration, exceed any disadvantages. But ultimately, parents and guardians of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their students should follow when using media and information resources. To that end, the David City Public Schools support and respect each family's right to decide whether or not to apply for access.

Legal Reference: Children's Internet Protection Act (Pub. L. 106-554)

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