

Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) Student

At Duchesne High School, education thrives when parents, students, and teachers work together to achieve a powerful technology-based learning environment. Computers are powerful tools, but can also present difficult distractions for students. We are pleased to have Internet access, as we believe it offers valuable, diverse, and informative resources to both teachers and students. The privilege of classroom computer use is granted with high expectations of student discipline. Discipline will play a key role in determining the success of every student's educational technology experience. Families should be warned that some material obtained via the Net might contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate, or potentially offensive. We have taken precautions to restrict access to controversial materials. However, on a global network it is impossible to control all materials and some users may procure material that is not consistent with our educational goals.

The Duchesne Technology Coordinator along with administration has worked together to produce a clear Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) and Student Computer Disciplinary Code (SCDC), so that every user knows exactly what is expected. Parents and teachers are encouraged to discuss these guidelines with their students and are welcome to seek clarification from the administration and the technology department. Fully understanding and abiding by these codes will give each student the best opportunity to maximize their learning experience.

The Technology Coordinator generates regular reports regarding prohibited student activities during the school day. Should a student's name show up on these reports, appropriate disciplinary measures will be taken. Students will be allowed no excuses and no exceptions for being found to have conducted themselves inappropriately. These reports are automatically generated when a student tries several times to hit a site that is forbidden (MySpace, FaceBook, Youtube, personal email and addicting games to name a few) or tries to access outside proxies to bypass the filtering system. Students must refrain from performing prohibited actions during the school day, regardless of what class or free period they are in. Reports do not differentiate between class, lunch, and activity period. It simply provides a list of offenders who have taken particular actions during the period of time between the start of homeroom and the end of the day. During this time, students are bound by all rules set forth in the Acceptable Use Policy and in this Disciplinary Code.

In order to access Duchesne's technology resources, all students, parents and teachers must accept in writing the provisions set forth in the Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) and this Student Computer Disciplinary Code (SCDC). The purpose of the SCDC is to provide more specific information about common student behaviors that are considered inappropriate by the Duchesne administration. This list of prohibited behaviors and consequences is not intended to be exhaustive. There are behaviors not listed that will result in sanctions according to the Duchesne AUP, but those listed constitute the most common "pitfalls" or temptations that a student will face in the course of a school day at Duchesne.

Student Computer Disciplinary Code (SCDC)

- ◆ Students are responsible for good behavior on the school computer networks, just as they are in a classroom, or a school hallway. General school rules for behavior and communications apply.

- ◆ The network is provided for students to conduct research and communicate with others. Access to network services is given to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner.
- ◆ Users are expected to abide by their generally accepted rules of network etiquette and conduct themselves in a responsible, ethical, and polite manner while online. Harassing, stalking, bullying, insulting or attacking others is prohibited.
- ◆ Users are not permitted to use the computing resources for commercial purposes, product advertising, political lobbying, or political campaigning.
- ◆ Users are not permitted to transmit, receive, submit, or publish any defamatory, inaccurate, abusive, obscene, profane, sexually oriented, threatening, offensive, or illegal material that could potentially tarnish Duchesne's reputation. Any school logo or uniform cannot be exhibited on the Internet without school approval.
- ◆ Physical or electronic tampering with computer resources is not permitted. Damaging computers, computer systems, or computer networks intentionally will result in a disciplinary action. Using the network to gain unauthorized access to remote systems (ie. Hacking) is strictly prohibited.
- ◆ Users must respect all copyright laws that protect software owners, artists and writers. Plagiarism in any form will not be tolerated.
- ◆ Security on any computer system is a high priority, especially when the system involves many users. If you feel you can identify a security problem within the school's computers, network, or Internet connection, you must notify a system administrator. Do not demonstrate the problem to others. Using someone else's password or trespassing in another's folders, work, or files without written permission is prohibited.
- ◆ Duchesne High School makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. We assume no responsibility or liability for any phone charges, line costs or usage fees, nor for any damages a user may suffer. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, or service interruptions caused by its own negligence or user errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at your own risk. We specifically deny any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its services.
- ◆ All communication and information accessible via the computer resources shall be regarded as private property. However, the Technology Department may review files and messages to maintain system integrity and insure that users are using the system responsibly. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities may be reported to the authorities.
- ◆ Willful introduction of computer viruses or any disruptive/destructive programs into the system is strictly prohibited.
- ◆ The use of outside proxies to bypass the network and or security filtering systems is strictly prohibited.
- ◆ Personal web sites are not to be visited during school hours. (ie. MySpace, FaceBook, Bebo, email accounts, addicting games etc.)

Any violations may result in a loss of computer access, school suspension as well as other disciplinary or legal action. The school will cooperate fully with local, state, or federal officials in any investigation related to any illegal activities through the School's computer system. Users are considered subject to all local, state, and federal laws.

Access is a privilege - not a right. That access entails responsibility. Inappropriate use will result in a suspension or cancellation of Internet privileges and possible suspension. The system administrators will deem what is inappropriate use and their decision is final. The Administrators may close an account at any time as required. The Administration, Faculty, and Staff may request the System Administrator to deny, revoke, or suspend specific user accounts.

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DUCHESNE HIGH SCHOOL INTERNET USE AGREEMENT

STUDENT

I have read the Internet Use Agreement. I agree to the following rules contained in this Policy. I understand that if I violate the rules my account can be terminated and I may face other disciplinary measures.

User Name (please print) _____ Grade _____

School _____

User's signature _____

Date: _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN

As the parent or legal guardian of the student signing above, I have read this Internet Use Agreement and grant permission for my son or daughter to access the Internet. I understand that the school's computing resources are designed for educational purposes. I also understand that it is impossible for Duchesne High School to restrict access to all controversial materials and I will not hold them responsible for materials acquired on the Internet. I understand that individuals and families may be held liable for violations. Furthermore, I accept full responsibility for supervision if and when my child's use is not in a school setting.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Name _____

Home Address _____ Phone _____