



**Policy: 8.02**

**SUBJECT:** **STUDENT ACCEPTABLE USE OF THE DPSnet**

**Supersedes:** Policy 10.08 (2000)

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## **1.0 Policy**

### **1.1 PURPOSE OF POLICY**

The Detroit Public Schools (DPS) provides computers and network capabilities to students for the purpose of enhancing instruction through technological resources. The DPS may make Internet access or electronic mail (e-mail) available to students on the DPSnet as educational resources. It is a general policy of the DPS to promote the use of computers in a manner which is responsible, legal, and within acceptable standards of etiquette and appropriateness. Student use of the DPSnet is a privilege. A student's failure to adhere to the Student Acceptable Use Policy (policy) will result in the revocation of the student's access privileges. Should a student's access privileges be revoked, there shall be no obligation to provide a subsequent opportunity for access to the DPSnet.

### **1.2 USE OF THE DPSnet's SERVICES**

Improper use of the DPSnet is prohibited. Uses of the DPSnet that are prohibited include, but are not limited to:

- 1.2.1 Use of the DPSnet for, or in support of, any illegal purposes;
- 1.2.2 Use of the DPSnet for, or in support of, any obscene or pornographic purposes; this includes, but is not limited to the retrieving or viewing of any sexually explicit material;
- 1.2.3 Violation of any provision of the Federal Educational Right to Privacy Act, which governs students' rights to privacy and the confidential maintenance of certain information, including but not limited to, a student's grades and test scores;
- 1.2.4 Use of profanity, obscenity or language that is generally considered offensive or threatening to persons of a particular race,

gender, religion, national origin, disability, height, weight, marital or familial status or veteran status;

- 1.2.5 “Reposting” or forwarding communications without the author’s prior consent;
- 1.2.6 Copying commercial software in violation of state, federal, or international copyright laws;
- 1.2.7 Using the DPSnet for financial gain or for the transaction of any business or commercial activities;
- 1.2.8 Plagiarizing (claiming another person’s writings as your own) any information gained on or through the DPSnet or any other network access provider;
- 1.2.9 Using the DPSnet for political lobbying;
- 1.2.10 Intentionally disrupting the use of the DPSnet for other users, including but not limited to, disruptive use of any process, program, or tool for ascertaining passwords or engaging in “hacking” of any kind, including but not limited to, the illegal or unlawful entry into an electronic system to gain secret information;
- 1.2.11 Providing access to the DPSnet to unauthorized individuals; and
- 1.2.12 Use of the DPSnet to violate any provision of the Detroit Public Schools Student Code of Conduct.

### **1.3 GENERAL INFORMATION**

The privilege of using the DPSnet is free to students of the Detroit Public Schools.

The student to whom an account on the DPSnet is issued is responsible, at all times, for its proper use.

A **Responsible Student User** of the DPSnet:

- MAY keep a free account on the DPSnet as long as he or she is a student in the Detroit Public Schools;
- MAY use the Internet to research assigned classroom projects;
- MAY use the Internet to send e-mail to other users of the DPSnet and to people around the globe;
- MAY use the Internet to explore other computer systems;
- SHOULD change his or her password frequently;

- SHOULD NOT give his or her password to another person;
- UNDERSTANDS that NONE of his or her communications and information accessible through the DPSnet is considered private or confidential and the DPS reserves the right to access all user accounts, at any time, including student e-mail;
- UNDERSTANDS the DPS Student Acceptable Use policy before logging on;
- UNDERSTANDS that if the DPS Student Acceptable Use policy is violated, the student's account on the DPSnet will be revoked;
- UNDERSTANDS that if he or she is removed from the DPSnet by a school faculty member, that he or she has the right to appeal the removal within thirty (30) days, in writing, to the principal of the school. The school principal's decision shall be FINAL.
- UNDERSTANDS that if he or she is removed from the DPSnet, there shall be no obligation to provide a subsequent opportunity to access the DPSnet.

**1.4 PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT FOR STUDENT USE OF THE DPSnet**

Prior to the activation of a student's account on the DPSnet, the parent or guardian of the student, including kindergarten, elementary school and high school students, must provide written authorization via the form outlined as Attachment A.

**1.5 STUDENT ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND INTERNET TEST**

All middle and high school students to whom an account on the DPSnet has been assigned shall sign a form acknowledging the requirements of the policy on student acceptable use and verifying his or her successful completion of the DPSnet Student Internet Test. A copy of the DPSnet Student Internet Test is provided as Attachment B. The student acknowledgment for is provided as Attachment C.

**Attachments to Policy 8.02:** Attachment A: Parental Consent Form  
Attachment B: DPSnet Student Internet Test  
Attachment C: Student Signature Form

| **Legal References:** MCLA § 397.606  
**Labor Contract References:** None