



Acceptable Use Policy

Introduction

Danville Christian Academy safely offers network and Internet access to students as part of the instructional process. We believe the Internet offers vast, diverse, and unique resources to students and teachers in a protected environment. Our goal in providing this service is to promote educational excellence in our school by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication.

While our intent is to make safe 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 educational collaboration, exceed any disadvantages; but ultimately, parents and guardians of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using media and information sources. Access to the Internet will enable students to support research and education by providing access to unique resources and the opportunity for collaborative work.

General Internet and Network Use

The Internet and network are provided for students to conduct research, complete assignments, and communicate with others. Access to these services is given to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. Students are responsible for good behavior on electronic equipment just as they are in a classroom or a school hallway. **Access is a privilege - not a right.** As such, general school rules for behavior and communications apply and users must comply with school standards and honor the agreements they have signed. The administration, faculty and staff of Danville Christian Academy may deny, revoke or suspend specific student accounts at any time necessary.

Network storage areas may be treated like school lockers. Network administrators may review files and communications to maintain system integrity and insure that users are using the system responsibly. Users should not expect that files stored on district servers will always be private. Any files or accounts on the Danville Christian

Academy network are the property of the school and may be reviewed, deleted or modified at any time by

the system administrators.

Student Rules and Responsibilities

To use network resources, all students must sign and return the attached Student User Agreement. Parents must also acknowledge they are granting permission for their student to use network resources by signing the attached Parent/Guardian Permission Agreement. The activities listed below are not permitted:

1. Sending or displaying offensive messages or pictures
2. Using obscene language
3. Giving personal information, such as complete name, phone number, address or identifiable photo, without permission from teacher and parent or guardian
4. Harassing, insulting, bullying or attacking others
5. Vandalizing or modifying computers, computer systems or computer networks
6. Transmitting or viewing any material in violation of U.S. or state regulations including copyright laws
7. Using others' passwords or allowing others to use their passwords
8. Trespassing in others' folders, work or files
9. Intentionally wasting limited resources
10. Employing the network for commercial purposes, financial gain, or fraud.
11. Deliberately spreading computer viruses. Deliberate attempts to degrade or disrupt system performance of the local school network or any other computer system or network on the Internet by spreading computer viruses is considered criminal activity under state and federal law.
12. Installing any software, shareware, or freeware
13. Playing or downloading any non-educational games
14. Using an electronic device without teacher permission

Consequences

Based upon the acceptable use guidelines outlined in this document, the system administrators will deem what is inappropriate use and the decisions they make will be final. The system administrators may close an account at any time. The administration, faculty, and staff of the Danville Schools may deny, revoke or suspend specific user accounts. In the case of vandalism, the user will be required to pay for damages.

Violation of any of the above mentioned rules and responsibilities could result in a loss of access and may result in other disciplinary and/or legal actions.

Notes to Parents/Guardians

The Internet is a powerful learning tool, but it should not be used indiscriminately or without supervision. While your child is at school, the staff will make every effort to assure that this resource is used appropriately. As parents, it is your responsibility to monitor this resource at home in the same manner in which you monitor usage of TV, video games or the telephone. It is not advisable for children to engage in long hours of unsupervised time online. If you help your child use the Internet wisely at home, together we can help him become a responsible user of the Internet!

DCA Acceptable Use Policy (AUP)

This document contains the Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) for student users of the Danville Christian Academy network. Written consent is required before any student is given access to network resources; however, educators may use the Internet during classroom instruction with or without parental consent. To gain access to the Internet, all students must obtain parental permission and must sign and return this form completely. Print student name _____

Student User Agreement:

As a user of the DCA computer network, I hereby agree to comply with the statements and expectations outlined in this document and to honor all relevant laws and restrictions. (Initial appropriate items)

_____ agree to use the network responsibly

_____ grant permission to have my photo and materials published to the World

Wide Web

Student Signature _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Permission Agreement:

All students are provided with access to computer resources, such as the Internet. As the parent or legal guardian of the above named student, I grant permission for this student to: (Initial appropriate items)

_____ access the Internet and e-mail systems

_____ have his/her photo and materials published to the World Wide Web

These permissions are granted for an indefinite period of time, unless otherwise requested. I understand that individuals and families may be held liable for violations. I understand that some materials on the Internet may be objectionable, but I accept responsibility for guidance of Internet use by setting and conveying standards for my daughter or son to follow when selecting, sharing or exploring information and media.

Parent Signature _____ Date: _____