

ACCEPTABLE USE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS/COMPUTER RESOURCES

Telecommunications access (including use of the Internet) is to promote educational excellence in the District by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication. The Internet connects thousands of computers all over the world and millions of individual subscribers. Access services include, but are not limited to:

1. electronic mail systems;
2. information and news from available resources;
3. public domain and shareware of all types;
4. discussion groups on many topics;
5. social media websites, such as Facebook, Twitter, Linked In, etc.;
6. university, government, and other institutional information databases.

The District expects appropriate use by those accessing the District's telecommunication networks and the Internet. Use of information or material that is not of educational value is strictly prohibited. Violators will be subject to disciplinary action. On the Internet, however, it is impossible to control all materials and/or controversial information. Acceptable-use conduct by users of District telecommunications/computer resources shall be identified and be adhered to. All users are expected to assist in monitoring the use of the District's technology and network resources. Persons who apply for District independent-Internet-access accounts and/or e-mail accounts must sign an "Agreement for Use of District Telecommunications/Computer Resources" form, agreeing to abide by District guidelines and requirements.

Eligible District students that apply for independent Internet access shall also need written parent/guardian permission. Students not having that agreement form and parental permission may only use the Internet access while under continuous monitoring by District staff. Violators of the District's acceptable-use rules and requirements that are specified in the District's required agreement will be disciplined. Students may be suspended or expelled and employees may be disciplined or terminated for violation of district policy or procedures. Any violation attempt, regardless of the success or failure may result in the same discipline or suspension of privileges as that of an actual violation.

The District's acceptable-use rules for telecommunications resources refer to, but are not limited to,

computers, modems, telephone lines, FAX machines, ICN, the internet, and District and other network facilities

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