

GDRSD Internet/Network Acceptable Use Policy
Groton-Dunstable Regional High School
Student Agreement Form

Name (please print): _____

Introduction

On the school network and on the Internet you may participate in a variety of activities that support learning. With access to other networks and people around the world, you might have access to information that may not be appropriate. The Groton Dunstable Regional School District has taken measures to prevent access to inappropriate information. However, we cannot control all the information available on the Internet. The district is not responsible for other people's actions or the quality and content of information available through this service. We trust our students to know what is appropriate and inappropriate based on stated school guidelines.

The following guidelines are intended to help you use the network appropriately. If you do not follow our use policies listed here, your privilege of using the network may be withdrawn.

User Agreement

The use of school and district networks must be in support of education, research, and the educational goals and objectives of the Groton Dunstable Regional School District. You are personally responsible for this provision at all times when using building and district networks.

The use of another organization's networks or computing resources must comply with rules appropriate to that network; Transmission of any material in violation of any United States statutes is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material, or material protected by trade secret.

Be familiar with these rules and how to use the Internet before getting on-line. If you have any questions about these rules, please ask your teacher so you can understand. Be aware that the inappropriate use of electronic information resources can be a violation of school rules, local, state, and federal laws and that you can be prosecuted for violating those laws.

Privileges

The use of building and district information systems is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use may result in a cancellation of those privileges. The district administration will decide what is appropriate and their decision is final.

Student Conduct

Students are expected to conduct themselves according to generally accepted rules of network/computer etiquette. Any student found to be in violation of the rules of conduct may be denied access to computers and the internet. These rules include but are not limited to:

→**BE POLITE**: Never send, or encourage others to send, abusive messages.

→**USE APPROPRIATE LANGUAGE**: You are a representative of your school and your district on a public system. Never swear use vulgarities, or any other inappropriate language.

→**PRIVACY**: Do not reveal your home address, phone number, names or addresses of family members, or the addresses or phone numbers of other students or colleagues. Note that electronic mail (e-mail) is not private. People who operate the district's computer systems have access to all mail, and any messages relating to or in support of illegal activities may be reported to the authorities.

→**E-MAIL**: Personal E-mail, Instant Messaging and Chat may be not used by any students in the High School, with the exception of use for educational purposes provided it is approved and supervised by a teacher. Inappropriate use of personal e-mail, IM and Chat may result in disciplinary action.

→**DISRUPTIONS**: Do not use the network in any way that would disrupt the use of the network by others.

→**REPRESENTATION**: Do not send anonymous messages or represent a message to have been written by another. All correspondence should be clearly identifiable as to its originator.

→**INAPPROPRIATE MATERIAL**: On a global network, it is impossible to control the content of data and an industrious user may discover inappropriate material. It is the user's responsibility not to initiate access to materials or online games that are considered to be inconsistent with educational goals, objectives and policies. Use of inappropriate material may result in disciplinary action.

→**FILES**: Tampering with another student's files, folders or work stored on a computer or external disk is considered trespassing and may result in disciplinary action.

→**DOWNLOADS**: Students are not allowed to download, install or run software from the Internet onto school computers. Doing so will result in disciplinary action.

Security

If you identify a security problem in the building or district networks, notify a staff member at once. Never demonstrate the problem to other users. Never use another individual's account. Never tell anyone else your password. Any user identified as a security risk will be denied access to the network and may be liable for disciplinary action or prosecution.

Vandalism

Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to physically deface, disable, or destroy computers, peripherals, or other network hardware or to harm or destroy data of another user or any other agencies or networks that are connected to the system. This includes, but is not limited to, the creation or transmission of computer viruses or hacking. Any vandalism will result in loss of network privileges, disciplinary action, or possible legal referral.

This agreement is to be signed upon entering the High School and will remain in force until the student has either graduated or left the school district.

Student:

I have read the Groton Dunstable Regional School District's policy and regulation regarding my use of the district's computer systems and the internet and understand my responsibilities and the consequences if I misuse the district's computer systems or use the internet or email in an inappropriate manner. I will report any observed or suspected misuse of the district's computer systems to a teacher.

Printed Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Parent:

I have read the Groton Dunstable Regional School District's policy and regulation regarding my child's use of the district's computer systems and the internet and understand his/her responsibilities and the consequences if he/she misuses the district's computer systems or uses the internet or email in an inappropriate manner.

Printed Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____