

# DARTMOUTH SCHOOL COMMITTEE POLICIES

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## NETWORK ACCESS POLICY

Dartmouth Public Schools (DPS) provides employees and students with access to the School Network, District Wide Area Network, and Internet. These network connections have been developed for educational purposes. It is intended to assist in preparing students for success by providing access to a wide range of information resources and the ability to communicate with people throughout the world. The term "educational purposes" includes use of the network for curriculum activities, and professional or career development activities related to education.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement appropriate procedures to provide guidance for access to electronic media. Guidelines shall address supervision of student computer use, ethical use of electronic media and issues of privacy. Guidelines shall prohibit utilization of networks for prohibited or illegal activities, the intentional spreading of embedded messages, or the use of other programs which could damage or destroy programs or data. The Network will be used to enhance productivity through increased communication within the District, and assist its employees in upgrading their skills through greater exchange of information. The Network will also assist the District in communicating with the Dartmouth Educational Community.

Dartmouth Public Schools makes no warranties of any kind, either expressed or implied, that the functions or the services provided by or through its Network will be error-free or without defect. The district shall not be responsible for any damages users may suffer, including but not limited to loss of data, interruptions of service, or physical, psychological, or monetary damages. The District shall not be responsible for the accuracy or quality of the information obtained through or stored on the system.

The Chief Technology Officer or Building Administrator may terminate the account privileges of a user by providing notice to the user. Guest accounts not active for more than 30 days may be removed, along with the user's files, without notice to the user.

SOURCE: MASC, DPS Acceptable Use Policy, DHS Handbook

LEGAL REFS: 47 USC § 254

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