

### **SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY**

The Superintendent and the School Principals will annually remind users of the computer network/internet of the Dartmouth Public Schools of the importance of maintaining proper decorum in the use of on-line resources. Users must conduct themselves in ways that do not distract from or disrupt the educational process. Any unauthorized, illegal, or inappropriate online behavior that disrupts the educational process is considered a violation and will not be tolerated by Dartmouth Public Schools and will lead to case-by-case disciplinary actions but the appropriate school administration.

Social media is defined as any forms of electronic communication through which users create online communities to share information, ideas, personal messages, and other content. As technology has become more prevalent in our community, there is more opportunity for it to be useful in our schools. We recognize the risk that comes with social media such as bullying, harassment, unwanted communication, inappropriate relationships, violation of privacy and confidentiality, and distracting the educational environment of the Dartmouth Public Schools. The purpose of this Dartmouth Public Schools Social Media technology policy is to provide guidance and awareness of the uses and dangers of these educational tools. Dartmouth Public School District utilizes resources such as its computers, network, electronic communication, devices, systems, and data to help foster a proper learning environment. We also strive to protect our school facilities and members from external or internal risks. Users play a critical role by helping to preserve these resources by complying with the Social Media and other policies of Dartmouth Public School District. Additionally, they share in the responsibility of reporting violation or suspicion of misuse through notification to an administrator, resource officer, or faculty member of the school.

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