

Dominion Academy

In-School Use of Computer/Internet Resources

Please read the following carefully before signing the attached agreement.

Dominion Academy of Dayton (DA) provides a computer laboratory with Internet access for student use. Authorized students may use these computers as tools to complete a wide range of school and approved extracurricular assignments/projects. Through the Internet, students may conduct research and gather resources such as reference documents and images necessary to complete and enhance their work. Our goal is the appropriate use of technology to promote educational excellence. The purpose of this document is to inform parents, guardians, and students of the availability of these resources, the rules governing their use, and to obtain express parental or guardian permission for their use while at school.

The Internet

The educational value of appropriate information on the Internet is substantial. The Internet is composed of information provided by institutions and people all over the world. Some of this material is not of educational value in the context of the school setting. There is information that may be judged as inaccurate, abusive, profane, sexually oriented, and/or illegal. DA does not condone or permit the use of this material. Web filtering software is installed and maintained on all computers in the DA computer lab. However, web filtering software is only one level of protection against improper use, and no web filtering software is perfect. It is a joint responsibility of the school and the parent or guardian of each student to educate their students about this responsibilities when using the Internet. One of our school goals is to support students in appropriate use of this vast reservoir of information. Internet access is available to students only on computers that are in supervised areas of the school building, such as the computer lab. However, parents and guardians must be aware that while at school, direct supervision by school personnel of each student using the computers is not always possible. Thus, students are expected to use the resources in a manner consistent with this contract and will be held responsible for their use. We strongly encourage parents to discuss their own expectations with their children.

Acceptable Use

The use of Dominion Academy computers, including the Internet must be in support of education and academic research and consistent with the educational objectives of Dominion Academy of Dayton.

Computer activities that are permitted and encouraged:

- Using the computers to learn more about computers and software in-general;
- Using the computers to complete school-assigned papers and related projects;
- Investigation via the Internet of specific topics being studied in school;
- Investigation via the Internet of opportunities outside of school related to community service, employment, further education, or approved extracurricular activities;

Computer activities that are not permitted:

- Searching, viewing, or retrieving materials that are not related to school work, community service, employment, further education, or approved extracurricular activities;.
- Searching or viewing sexually explicit, profane, violence-promoting, or illegal materials is not permitted for any purpose;
- Copying, saving, or redistributing copyrighted materials;
- Subscription to any services or ordering any kinds of goods or services;
- Providing the student's name, address, phone number, or any other personal information except where this is explicitly in conjunction with this school, community service, employment, or further education;
- Playing games and using interactive Internet sites such as instant messaging and chat rooms, unless specifically assigned by a teacher or provided for in this document;
- Any activity that violates a school rule or a local, state, or federal law.

The computer lab and other Dominion Academy computers

- Each student approved to use the computer lab will be given their own user id and password;
- Students may not divulge their password to other students. Students must report all compromises to the security of their user id and password to the computer lab manager who will assign another password.
- The students files and their desktop environments are stored on the lab's server and are delivered to each student automatically and transparently on any of the lab's workstations when they log in;
- Except as provided for below, students may NOT explore the computer file/network system beyond their own home directory without explicit approval of their teacher or the computer lab manager;
- Students may retrieve files from other students from their home directories with their permission;
- Each student may customize their own home directory and desktop environment according to their own tastes subject to their ability and the limits of good taste;
- Students may not install or delete software (programs) or change workstation configuration in any way;
- Students may work on assigned school work and approved projects only;

- All student use of school computer resources is subject to monitoring;
- Students may not attempt to conceal their activity on the computer or Internet in any way. This includes deleting cache, history, and logs;
- Damaging or defacing any portion of the computers is prohibited;
- Students are only allowed to use computers designated for student use. Students do not have access to the lab server or staff computers;
- Note: There are a few games on the computer lab workstations. The use of those games is explicitly allowed when such use does not keep students from completing required work, and the students are on their own time.

If a student has any questions about whether a specific activity is permitted, the student should ask a teacher or administrator. If a student accidentally accesses inappropriate material, the student must back out of the area or program immediately and report the event to a teacher or administrator.

Misuse

Violation of the terms of this agreement will result in revocation of a student's access to school computers. The school will be the sole judge of the seriousness of a violation.

- An initial violation determined to be minor will result in revocation of computer access for one week.
- An initial violation determined to be serious will result in revocation of computer access for one month.
- Repeated or willful violations will result in permanent revocation of the privilege to use the schools computers.

Any action taken by a student which is a violation of school standards will also be subject to school disciplinary actions. Your signature(s) on the attached agreement is (are) binding and indicates the party (parties) who signed has (have) read the terms and conditions carefully and understand(s) their significance.

Please keep this document for your records. Once the attached agreement is signed and returned to the school, the student will be assigned a user id and password for use of the computer lab.

Technical questions or questions relating to user ids and passwords may be directed to the computer lab manager, Mr. Andy Figueroa, webmaster@dominionacademy.org, or by calling 937.409.8674.

Dominion Academy Computer and Internet Use

As parents of a student attending Dominion Academy of Dayton, we have read the terms and conditions for in-school use of computers and Internet resources. I agree to all the terms and conditions as stated in this document.

Parent/guardian _____ Date _____

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As a student attending Dominion Academy of Dayton or Dominion Preparatory Academy, I have read the terms and conditions for in-school use of computers and the Internet resources. I agree to all the terms and conditions as stated in this document.

Student _____ Date _____

Grade _____