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USE AND TERMINATION FROM DATA BASE AND NETWORK LOGONS

POLICY:

- (1) Telecommunications network facilities, such as FIRN (Florida Information Research Network) and Internet, are to be used for providing expanded learning opportunities for students and educators. The District provided access must be used in a responsible, efficient, ethical and legal manner. Failure to adhere to this policy and guidelines may result in suspension or revocation of the user's network access and other disciplinary action as found in the Dixie County School Board Code of Student Conduct and Policies.
- (2) Explanation of Internet: The Internet is an electronic superhighway connection thousands of computers all over the world and millions of individual subscribers. The user will have access to worldwide electronic mail communication, global information and news, public domain and shareware computer software of all types, discussion groups on many topics, access to many libraries and many other sources of information.
- (3) Parental Concerns:
 - (a) Access to computers and individuals worldwide brings the availability of materials, which may not be considered to be of educational value in the context of the school setting. There may be some material or communications which are not suitable for school-aged children.
 - (b) Internet usage and other online activity by students shall be pursuant to staff authorization only and must be in pursuit of a legitimate pedagogical goal. Recreational use of the Internet and World Wide Web is prohibited. Internet or other online usage by minors shall be monitored by school staff. Staff shall take reasonable efforts to ensure that minors are not exposed to inappropriate or harmful matter on the Internet and World Wide Web.

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School shall utilize an appropriate Technology Protection measure to block or filter Internet access for both minors and adults to visual depictions that are obscene; that constitute child pornography; or with respect to use of computers with Internet access by minors that is harmful to minors. An authorized person may disable the blocking or filtering measure during any use by an adult to enable access to bona fide research or other lawful purpose.

To ensure the safety and security of minor students, the following computer and Internet usage by minors is strictly prohibited, unless otherwise authorized by law:

- (1) Use of electronic mail, chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communication, unless specifically authorized by staff in pursuit of a legitimate pedagogical goal;
- (2) Unauthorized internet, online, or other computer access, including so-called "hacking" and other unlawful activities;
- (3) Disclosure use, and dissemination over the Internet of personal information regarding minor students.

The District cannot, however, ensure that no user will access material that is within the District's educational mission, goals and policies. Should an inappropriate site be accessed the monitor should be turned off immediately and the supervisor and technology specialist notified to collect the information and data from the machine.

(4) Guidelines

Internet access is coordinated through a complex association of government agencies and regional and state networks. The operation of the Internet relies heavily on the proper conduct of the users who must adhere to strict guidelines.

- (a) **Acceptable Use** -- The use of your account must be in support of education and research that is consistent with the educational goals and policies of Dixie District Schools. Use of other networks or computing resources must be consistent with the rules appropriate for those networks.

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This includes, but is not limited to: Copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material, or material protected by trade secret. Use of Commercial activities, product advertisement, political lobbying, financial gain and illegal activity is prohibited. Use of profanity, obscenity and other offensive language is prohibited.

- (b) Privileges -- The use of the Internet is not a right, but a privilege, and inappropriate use will result in cancellation of that privilege. Each individual who receives an account will receive information pertaining to the proper use of the network. School and district administrators will decide what is inappropriate use and their decision is final. The District or service provider may close an account at any time deemed necessary or by recommendation of the administration, faculty or staff.
- (c) "Netiquette" -- You are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. Be polite. Do not use vulgar or obscene language. Students should not reveal their private address or phone number or those of others. Even adults may want to exercise caution in revealing name and address information over the network. Electronic mail is not guaranteed to be private.
- (d) Warranties -- The Dixie District Schools makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied for the service it is providing. Dixie District Schools will not be responsible for any damages you suffer including loss of data. This District will not be responsible for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through this Internet connection.
- (e) Security -- Security is a high priority. If you identify a security problem, you must notify a system administrator immediately. Do not show or identify the problem to others. Do not use another individual's account or give your account number to anyone else. Attempts to log on as another user, or have another user log on with your account will result in cancellation of your privileges. Any user identified as a security risk or having a history or problems with other computer systems may be denied access. Immediately upon termination, resignation, leave of absence, or change of job location or classification the MIS staff shall delete the user account in the network system as well as Finance and Student database systems.

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- (f) Vandalism -- Vandalism will result in cancellation of your privileges. Vandalism is defined as malicious attempt to harm or destroy data of another user, Internet, the Florida Information Resource Network (FIRN) or other networks. This includes the creation of, or the uploading of, computer viruses on the Internet or host site.
- (g) Updating your user information -- You may occasionally be required to update your registration, password and account information to continue Internet access. You must notify the district of any changes in your account information (address, school, etc.)
- (h) Exception of Terms and Conditions -- All terms and conditions as stated in this document are applicable to all users of the Internet and other networks. These terms and conditions reflect an agreement of the parties and shall be governed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida and the United States of America.

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