

**Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School
Internet User Policy**

Student Access to Networked Information:

Computers are used to support learning and to enhance instruction. Computer networks allow people to interact with many computers. The Internet allows people to interact with hundreds of thousands of networks. It is a general policy that all computers are to be used in a responsible, efficient, ethical and legal manner.

As much as possible, access to the school network and the Internet will be designed to point students to resources, which have been reviewed and evaluated prior to use. While students may be able to move beyond those resources to other resources which staff have not evaluated, the student shall be provided with guidelines and lists of information particularly suited to the learning objectives.

Students may pursue electronic research only if they have been granted parental permission and have submitted all required forms. Permission is not transferable and may not be shared.

Rules for School Networks and Internet Use:

Students are responsible for good behavior on school computer networks, just as they are in a classroom or a school hallway. Communications on the network are often public in nature. General school rules for behavior and communications apply. The network is provided for student to conduct research and communicate with others. Access to network services is provided to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. **Parent/Guardian Permission is required for all students under the age of 18.** Access is a privilege, not a right. Access entails responsibility.

Individual users of the school computer network are responsible for their behavior and communications over these networks. It is presumed that users will comply with school standards and will honor the agreements they have signed.

Network and computer storage areas may be treated like school lockers. Network administrators may review files and communications to maintain system integrity and ensure students are using the system responsibly. Users should not expect that files stored on school servers and computers would always be private.

During school, teachers of students will guide them in accessing appropriate materials. Outside of school, families must bear responsibility for such guidance, as they, also, must with information sources such as television, telephones, movies, radio and other potentially offensive media.

The following are NOT permitted:

1. Sending or accessing offensive messages or pictures.
2. Using obscene language.
3. Harassing, insulting or attacking others.
4. Damaging computers, computer system or computer networks.
5. Violating copyright laws.
6. Using passwords of others.
7. Trespassing in others' folders, work or files.
8. Intentionally wasting resources.
9. Employing the network for commercial purposes.
10. **Unauthorized Installation or Downloading of any Software Programs.**
11. **Chat Rooms, Instant Messaging and Email are prohibited.**

Sanctions:

1. Violators will result in a loss of computer access.
2. Additional disciplinary action may be taken by the administration in accordance with existing practice regarding inappropriate language or behavior.
3. When applicable, law enforcement agencies will be involved.

I have read and agree to abide by Diman's Internet Policy.

Student _____ Parent _____ Date _____