Acceptable Use of Computers
New technologies are shifting the ways that information may be accessed, communicated and transferred. Those changes may also alter instruction and student learning. Dayton School offers students access to the electronic information highway and the Internet.

Rules and Responsibilities
Students are responsible for good behavior on school computer networks just as they are in a classroom or school hallway. Communications on the network are often public in nature. General school rules for behavior and communications apply.

Internet access is provided for students to conduct research and communicate with others in relation to schoolwork. Access to the Internet is given to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. Parents may request their students not use the Internet.

The Upper West Shore School District #33 does provide a filter to screen objectionable material on the Internet from student access.

Access is a privilege, not a right. Therefore, based upon the acceptable use guidelines outlined in this document, the system administrators will deem what is inappropriate use and their decisions are final. The system administrators may close an account at any time. The administration, faculty, and staff of Dayton School may deny, revoke or suspend specific user accounts.

Individual users of computers with Internet access are responsible for their use. Their use must be in support of education and research and must be consistent with academic expectations of Dayton School. Use of other organizations' networks or computing resources must comply with the rules appropriate for those networks. Transmission of any material in violation of U.S. or state regulations, including copyrighted, threatening, or obscene materials, is prohibited. Use for commercial activities by for-profit organizations, product promotion, political lobbying, or illegal activities is strictly prohibited.

The user is expected to abide by the following rules of etiquette:
- Be polite. Do not write or send abusive messages.
- Use appropriate language. Do not swear, use vulgarities or any other inappropriate language.
- Transmission of obscene materials is prohibited. Sending or receiving offensive messages or pictures from any source will result in immediate suspension of privileges.
- Do not reveal the personal address or phone number of yourself or other students.
- Do not communicate any credit card number, bank account number, or any other financial information.
- Electronic mail is not guaranteed to be private. People who operate the system do have access to all mail. Inappropriate messages can result in suspension of privileges.
- Do not use the network in such a way that would disrupt the use of the network by other users.
- Vandalism - and malicious attempts to harm or destroy data of another user will not be tolerated. Any questionable action will result in cancellation of user privileges.

Violation of any of the above-mentioned rules and responsibilities will result in a loss of access and may result in other disciplinary or legal actions.

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