

Dobbs Ferry Schools

Student Network/Internet Agreement and Permission Form

Introduction

Dobbs Ferry is pleased to offer our students access to the district's internet network. To use this resource, students and their parents/guardians must sign and return the attached form. Please read this document carefully, review its contents with your child(ren), sign where appropriate, and return to the district technology department. Any questions or concerns about this permission form may be referred to the building principal. The district is not responsible for stolen, lost, or damaged personal electronic devices brought to school.

General Network Use

The network is provided for students to conduct research, complete assignments, publish their work, and communicate with others via their dfsd.org student email address. Access to network services and Wi-Fi is given to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. Students are responsible for good behavior on school computer networks just as they are in a classroom or a school hallway. As such, general school rules for behavior and communications apply, and users must comply with district standards and honor the agreements they have signed.

Google Workspace is similar to school [lockers](#). Network administrators may review files and communications to maintain system integrity and ensure that the system is used responsibly. Users should not expect that files stored on district servers will be private.

In general, when using the district's network and Wi-Fi technology, students are **not** permitted to:

- Use others' passwords or share their passwords with others
- Damage or modify computers, operating systems or computer networks
- Send or display offensive messages or pictures
- Access social media or messaging apps
- Access the internet via a hotspot device
- Use obscene language
- Give personal information, such as complete name, phone number, address or photo
- Harass, insult or attack others
- Violate copyright laws
- Access others' folders or files without express permission
- Intentionally waste limited resources, such as bandwidth or Google Drive Storage Space
- Employ the network for commercial purposes, financial gain or fraud

Internet / World Wide Web

Within reason, freedom of speech and access to information will be honored. Families should be warned that some material accessible via the Internet might contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate or potentially offensive to some people. While our intent is to make Internet access available to further educational goals and objectives, students may find ways to access other materials as well. Filtering software is in use to block content as specified in the Children's Internet Protection Act, but no filtering system is capable of blocking 100% of the inappropriate material available on the Internet. Dobbs Ferry believes that the benefits to students accessing the network and Wi-Fi connections outweigh the disadvantages. By using these resources responsibly, opportunities for collaboration enable each student to become self-directed lifetime learners. Ultimately, parents and guardians of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using media and information sources.

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Artificial Intelligence (AI) Access

The use of generative AI tools (ex. ChatGPT) are now becoming more widespread in all areas of academia. With the understanding that AI can be used as a powerful use for learning, our school will work to ensure that students are informed, responsible, and ethical in the use of AI. Any information obtained via AI must be properly cited using the format assigned by a teacher. Please note that each department/teacher may have their own specific rules and expectations when it comes to using AI in their courses. Please be sure to speak with your teacher(s) directly if you have any questions.

Publishing to the World Wide Web

Although most of students' work at Dobbs Ferry will be done within a secure, password-protected portal, students will from time to time publish work to the web. This provides students with an opportunity to share their work with a wider audience, receive feedback from external professionals and share with the public what is going on at school. Students agree to only use their first names, not their last names or any other personal identifying information such as age, address, phone number, photos, etc. Students should also not publish work that contains copyrighted materials without proper permission and/or citation when appropriate.

Violations to this Policy

Violations may result in a loss of access as well as other disciplinary or legal action.

Student User Agreement:

As a user of the Dobbs Ferry computer network, I hereby agree to comply with the statements and expectations outlined in this document and to honor all relevant laws and restrictions.

Student Printed Name

Student Signature Date

Parent/Guardian Partnership Agreement:

I have spoken with my child about the responsibilities outlined above when using school technology resources.

Parent Printed Name

Parent Signature Date

Students will be unable to access the network and Wi-Fi resources without this form being completed.