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DPS Internet Safety ToolKit

DPS BOE Policies (related to Internet Safety, Technology AUP, Cyber Bullying, Code of Student Conduct, General Code of Ethics and Standards of Conduct)

[3040 Technology Acceptable Use Policy](#)

[4301 Code of Student Conduct \(Elementary\)](#)

[4301 Code of Student Conduct \(Middle & High Schools\)](#)

[4411 Bullying / Harassment](#)

[5100 General Code of Ethics and Standards of Conduct](#)

Curriculum Materials (related to Digital Citizenship and Internet Safety)

- North Carolina Department of Public Instruction: Information and Technology Essential Standards <http://www.dpi.state.nc.us/dti/standards/ites/>
- Common Sense Media: Scope and Sequence Digital Citizenship <https://www.common Sense Media.org/educators/scope-and-sequence>
- NetSmartz Kids: Basic Internet Safety <http://www.netsmartz.org/InternetSafety>
- i-SAFE, Inc: Internet Safety Curriculum <https://www.isafe.org/educators>
- NC Department of Public Instruction: Character Education <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/charactereducation/>
- Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI): Safe Online Surfing <https://sos.fbi.gov/>
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: Bullying Prevention <https://www.stopbullying.gov/>

FAQs

Q: What is taught in my child's class about Internet Safety?

A: Teacher's use the North Carolina Information & Technology Essential Standards (ITES), to teach students about Digital Citizenship which includes the appropriate and healthy ways to use the internet along with the precautions. [Click [here](#) for the Standards comparison, with NC Information and Technology Essential Standard (ITES); AASL Standards for the 21st Century Learner; Partnership for

21st-Century Skills; and National Education Technology Standards and Performance Indicators for Students.]

Q: What are the social networking rules regarding student/teacher interaction?

A: School employees use social networking tools to communicate classroom expectations, homework, assignments, events, and class activities. Teachers continue to use websites and newsletters to communicate to students and parents. Students are not required to setup an account on a social networking site to participate in a course or class.

Q: What is the protocol if my child receives an inappropriate text/email from a classmate or teacher?

A: It should be reported immediately to the school principal and individual instances will be handled by the principal.

Q: Does the school system filter the content on the Internet?

A: Yes, we have a content filter, called zScaler, that helps to prevent inappropriate websites on school owned computers.

Q: If my child is at a school where the computers are allowed to go home with my child, is my child filtered off site?

A: Yes, DPS provides for content filtering on all devices that are allowed to go home, which also uses the zScaler product mentioned above.

Q: What happens if my child SENDS an inappropriate text or email?

A: Students should immediately notify the principal if they receive an inappropriate text or email.

Q: Does DPS block any sites, e.g snapchat or facebook?

A: DPS blocks student use of Facebook, Twitter, and Snapchat. These sites are open to faculty.

Q: Are there standardized rules about using phones during instructional time?

A: Some teachers instruct their students to use cell phones based on a specific learning objective/goal. DPS has a program called "Bring Your Device to School" (BYDS) that is setup in cooperation between the parents and the teachers allowing the use of cell phones for instructional purposes.