



## DE LA SALLE HIGH SCHOOL

### **ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY AND INTERNET ACCESS CONTRACT FOR DE LA SALLE STUDENTS USING DE LA SALLE AND CARONDELET COMPUTER SERVICES AND RESOURCES**

This document sets forth the policy of De La Salle and Carondelet High Schools (DLS/CHS) for acceptable use of the computer resources made available by DLS/CHS and a contract between DLS/CHS, on the one hand, and consenting students, parents/guardians of students, and faculty and staff members ("Consenting Parties"), on the other hand. It shall be effective as to DLS/CHS and a Consenting Party as of the date of execution of the attached Consent Form by a Consenting Party.

DLS/CHS provides computing and network resources for the use of administration, students and faculty and staff members. Users are encouraged to use the computers, software packages and outside the school network software for educational or school-related activities and to facilitate the efficient exchange of useful information. However, the equipment, software, and network capacities provided through DLS/CHS computer services are and remain the property of DLS/CHS. DLS/CHS may terminate the access to and use of such computer resources at any time at their sole discretion. All Users are expected to conduct their on-line activities in an ethical and legal fashion. DLS/CHS reserve the right to use employee or student electronic productions to support the curriculum and for demonstration purposes without remuneration to employees or to student authors or their parents/guardians.

The Internet links computer networks around the world giving Users access to a wide variety of computer and information resources. In general, electronic traffic passes freely in a trusting atmosphere with a minimum of constraints.

DLS/CHS does not have control of the information on the Internet. Sites accessible via the Internet may contain information or material that is controversial, illegal, defamatory, inaccurate, unsuitable for minors, or potentially offensive to some people. While it is the intent of DLS/CHS to make Internet access available to further the educational goals of DLS/CHS, Users will have the ability to access other information or materials as well. A User uses the Internet at his/her own risk, and is responsible for his/her actions and activity in using the Internet. DLS/CHS makes no warranties with respect to Internet service, and specifically assumes no responsibilities for:

1. The content of advice, information or material received by a user from a source outside DLS/CHS, or any damages, obligations, costs or charges incurred as a result of seeing or accepting such advice, information or material;
2. Any costs, liability or damages caused by manner of use of the Internet;
3. Any consequences of service interruptions or charges, even if these disruptions arise from circumstances under the control of DLS/CHS;
4. Privacy of electronic mail.

## **Provisions and Conditions**

Use of the DLS/CHS telecommunications system and network, and access to the Internet is a privilege offered each academic year, and inappropriate use will result in revocation, denial or suspension of that privilege by the administration. Definition of inappropriate use is at the discretion of the administration, and shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. Using the network for any illegal or unethical activity, including but not limited to the following:
  - violation of copyright restrictions
  - transmission of threatening, harassing, pornographic or obscene material
  - transmission of material protected by trade secret;
2. Using the network for personal financial or commercial gain, product advertisement, Political lobbying; or the sending of unsolicited junk mail or chain letters; or the use of CHAT lines in other than a supervised classroom setting;
3. Contributing to the degradation or disruption of equipment or system performance, Including but not limited to, the following:
  - the uploading, downloading, creation, propagation and/or use of computer viruses
  - willful destruction of computer hardware or software
  - unauthorized attempts to exceed or modify the parameters of the system;
4. Vandalism, including, but not limited to, the following:
  - any attempt to harm or destroy the data of another User, the network/Internet, or any networks or sites connected to the network/Internet
  - any attempt to breach security codes and/or passwords;
5. Using finite resources wastefully;
6. Gaining unauthorized access to resources or entities;
7. Invading or violating the privacy of individuals, including, but not limited to the following:
  - the unauthorized transmission of names, residence or e-mail addresses or telephone numbers
  - deleting, examining, copying, or modifying files and/or data belonging to another User;
8. Using an account owned by another User;
9. Posting anonymous or forged messages, documents, images, cartoons or other transmissions;
10. Using the network to defame, offend, harass, threaten or disrespect any person or persons. The display or transmission of messages, images, cartoons or other transmissions or use of computer messages that are sexually explicit constitute harassment and is prohibited by DLS/CHS;
11. Using the network in a manner which is offensive to the mission of DLS/CHS, including the use of language which is sexist, racist, or homophobic;
12. Using the network in a manner that is disruptive to the educational environment of DLS/CHS;
13. Using the network in such a manner as to bring into disrepute the good name of DLS/CHS.

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CONSENT FORM**

**Student Section:**

- I understand the above provisions and conditions of this Acceptable Use Policy and Internet Access Contract. I understand its significance, and I agree to abide with all terms and conditions of it.
- I understand and agree that any violations of the above provisions and conditions may result in disciplinary action by the De La Salle and Carondelet High School administrations (including but not limited to the revocation, suspension or denial of telecommunications system and network use and/or Internet access privileges) and appropriate legal action.
- I agree to report any violations of the above provisions and conditions to the DLS/CHS administration or designee, and that failure to report such violations may result in disciplinary action by the DLS/CHS administrations including, but not limited to, the revocation, suspension or denial of Internet access privileges.

**Parent/Guardian Section**

- I understand the above provisions and conditions of this Acceptable Use Policy and Internet Access Contract. I have either explained these provisions and conditions to my son, or I have assured myself that he understands them, and I agree to abide by them.
- I understand and agree that any violations of the above provisions and conditions may result in disciplinary action by the DLS/CHS administrations (including, but not limited to, the revocation, suspension or denial of telecommunications system and network use, and/or Internet access privileges) and appropriate legal action.
- I understand that DLS/CHS neither controls nor monitors information and material accessible through the Internet, and agree to discharge and hold harmless DLS/CHS, their officers, trustees and employees from any and all claims, liabilities, demands, causes, costs, expenses or obligations of any kind, known or unknown, arising out of or in any way relating to my son's use of or access to the Internet.

**Parent/Guardian: Please initial one:**

\_\_\_\_\_ I give full permission and consent for my son to have access to and use of the Telecommunications resources at DLS/CHS, and request that DLS/CHS grant Internet access privileges to my son as set forth in this Acceptable Use Policy And Internet Access Contract.

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not give full permission and consent for my son to have access to and use of the telecommunication resources at DLS/CHS, and request that DLS/CHS not grant Internet access privileges to my son.

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**Student Name – PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY**

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**Grade**

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**Student Signature**

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**Date**

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**Parent/Legal Guardian Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

(If this document is signed by only one parent/guardian, such parent/guardian represents that he/she, if parent, is either a single parent or is authorized to give this permission on behalf of both parents, or is the appointed guardian of the User.)

All Users must understand that DLS/CHS cannot guarantee the privacy or confidentiality of electronic documents, and any messages that are confidential as a matter of law should not be communicated over the network. DLS/CHS reserves the right to access the network at any time to retrieve school information and records, to engage in routine computer maintenance and housekeeping, to carry out internal investigations, or to disclose messages, data or files to law enforcement authorities. Any information contained on a DLS/CHS computer's hard drive or computer disks which were purchased by DLS/CHS are considered the property of DLS/CHS.

This agreement applies to stand-alone units, as well as units connected to the network or the Internet. Any attempt to violate the provisions of this agreement will result in revocation of the User's privileges, regardless of the success or failure of the attempt. In addition, school disciplinary action, and/or appropriate legal action may be taken. The decision of the administration regarding inappropriate use of the technology or telecommunication resources is final. Monetary remuneration will be sought for damages necessitating repair or replacement of equipment. In case of litigation or other dispute-resolving proceedings arising from or related to this contract, the prevailing party shall be entitled to reasonable attorney's fees and costs.