Computer Information Technology and Internet Use

The Durham District School Board’s computing and information technology facilities and resources are made available to students in support of their learning, research requirements and career preparation. Use of the computer and information technology facilities and resources of the DDSB shall be governed by all relevant federal (e.g., Copyright), provincial (e.g., Education Act), DDSB (Policies and Procedures), and local school (e.g., School Code of Conduct) laws and regulations. Use of DDSB computing and information technology facilities and resources for the illegal, political or private commercial purposes is strictly prohibited. The onus is on the user to know and to comply with these laws and regulations. Access to computers and the Internet is considered a privilege. Anyone found accessing computers or the Internet in an inappropriate way will receive school consequences and may face legal intervention. School discipline may involve a loss of computer privileges, a suspension or expulsion from school or restitution for damage or destruction of school computer equipment. Legal action may result in charges being laid by provincial or federal authorities. Students and parents/guardians will be asked to review the DDSB’s Secondary School Acceptable and Safe Use Procedure for Computing and Information Technology Facilities and Resources. At the time of registration, you will be required to agree to terms and conditions of participation to complete the registration.

Inappropriate use would include but not limited to the following:

- harassment of others
- destruction or damage or changing of equipment
- appropriation of data or software
- unauthorized monitoring of electronic communication
- unauthorized use of other's access codes
- violation of copyright and software licence agreements
- academic dishonesty
- violation of another’s privacy
- violation of computer security systems
- viewing and/or importation of pornographic, racist, illegal or private documents
- incurring costs to the school through use of telecommunication systems without prior approval

Neither the school’s network nor the broader Internet (whether accessed on campus or off campus, either during or after school hours) may be used for the purpose of harassment. All forms of harassment in cyberspace often called cyber-bullying, are unacceptable. Bullying in any form will be subject to school consequences and may result in suspension.