

DEUBROOK AREA 5-6	NEPN Code: IIBGB
School Board Policy Reference Manual	

ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY (AUP)
Objectives of Internet Access/E-Mail-Acceptable Use Policy

INTERNET ACCESS INFORMATION for Parents, Students, Faculty and Patrons of Deubrook Area Schools.

Please read the following Terms and Conditions for the use of the Internet/E-Mail carefully before signing this document. This document is intended to be binding upon those signing. Internet access/E-Mail is now available to students and teachers within the Deubrook Area Schools District. We are very pleased to bring this access to the district and believe the Internet/E-Mail offers vast, diverse, and unique resources to both students and teachers. Our goal in providing this service to teachers and students is to promote educational excellence in our school by facilitating resource sharing, innovation and communication.

The Internet is an electronic highway connecting thousands of computers all over the world and millions of individual subscribers. Students and teachers have access to:

1. Electronic mail communication
2. Information and news
3. Resources that enhance curricular content

With access to computers and people all over the world also comes availability of material that may not be considered to be of educational value in the context of the school setting. We ask the user to police his/her own activities. We further believe that the valuable information and interaction on this worldwide network far outweighs the possibility that users may procure material that is not consistent with our educational goals.

Internet access/E-Mail is coordinated through a complex association of government agencies and regional and state networks. In addition, the smooth operation of the network relies upon the proper conduct of the end users who must adhere to strict guideline. These guidelines are provided here so that you are aware of the responsibilities you are about to acquire. In general, this requires efficient, ethical, and legal utilization of the network resources. If a Deubrook Area Schools user violates any of these provisions, his or her access will be terminated and future access could possibly be denied. The enforcement will be determined by CEO/Supt., building principal, and tech. coordinator. The signature(s) at the end of this document is (are) legally binding and indicates the party(ies) who signed has (have) read the terms and conditions carefully and understand(s) their significance.

Terms and Conditions-Acceptable Use Policy (Part 2)

1. **Acceptable User:** The purpose of NSFNET, which is the backbone to the Internet, is to support research and education in and among academic institutions in the U.S. by providing access to unique resources, and education in, and opportunity for collaborative work. School use must be in support of education and research and consistent with educational objectives. Use of other organization's network and computing resources must comply with the rules appropriate for that network. Transmissions of any material in violation of any U.S. or state regulation are prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material, or material protected by trade secret. Use of product advertisement or political lobbying is also prohibited. Use for commercial activities is generally not acceptable.
2. **Privilege:** The use of the Internet/E-Mail is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges. Each person who wishes to access the Internet will participate in training pertaining to the proper use of the network prior to receiving access. The system administrator and teachers will deem what is inappropriate use and their decision is final. The district may deny, revoke, or suspend specific user access.
3. **Netiquette:** Users are expected to abide by the general accepted rules of network etiquette. These include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - a. Be polite. Users messages should not be abusive to others.
 - b. Use appropriate language. Do not swear, use vulgarities, or any other language deemed inappropriate.
 - c. Do not reveal users personal address or phone number. Do not reveal the personal addresses and/or phone numbers of fellow students or colleagues.
 - d. Illegal activities are strictly forbidden.
 - e. Note that electronic mail (e-Mail) is not guaranteed to be private. People who operate the system have access to all mail. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities may be reported to the authorities.
 - f. Do not use the network in any way that would disrupt network services for other users.
 - g. All communications and information accessible via the network should be assumed to be private property.
4. **Non-Liability:** Deubrook Area Schools makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. Deubrook Area School will not be responsible for any damages suffered. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, nondeliveries, misdeliveries, or service interruptions caused by negligence, errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via Deubrook Area Schools is at the user's own risk. Deubrook Area Schools is not responsible for the accuracy or quality of information obtained.
5. **Security:** Security on any computer system is a high priority, especially when the system involves many users. If you feel you can identify a security problem on the Internet, you must notify a teacher who will in turn notify a system administrator. Do not use another individual's account. Attempts to login to Internet as a system administrator will result in cancellation of user privileges. Any user identified as a security risk or having a history of problems with other computer systems may be denied access to Internet.

6. **Vandalism:** Vandalism will result in cancellation of privileges. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy hardware, data of another user, Internet, or any agencies or other networks that are connected to the NSFNET Internet backbone. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses.
7. **Exception of Terms and Conditions:** All terms and conditions as stated in this document are applicable to Deubrook Area Schools, in addition to NSFNET. These terms and conditions reflect the entire agreement of the parties and supersede all prior oral or written agreements and understandings of the parties.