

# Dyer County Board of Education

Descriptor Term:

**Access to Telecommunications  
Networks**

Descriptor Code:

**IFAI**

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## I. PURPOSE

To promote educational excellence through the use of telecommunications and other technologies that have transformed the ways that information may be accessed and communicated.

## II. SCOPE

This policy applies to all students and employees of the Dyer County School System who are users of the district's network(s).

## III. POLICY STATEMENT

The mission of the Dyer County School System is to prepare all children to be successful citizens and workers in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. This includes educating them to read with comprehension, write clearly, compute accurately, think, reason, and use information to solve problems. Effective use of telecommunications, electronic information sources and networked services is critical in preparing students for jobs and life in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Technological literacy will enable students and teachers to explore and communicate with thousands of libraries, databases, bulletin boards, and experts from many fields and/or areas of expertise.

The Dyer County School System supports the use of electronic communication systems and expects that staff will thoughtfully integrate the electronic use of voice, data, and image throughout the curriculum. The system also expects that staff will provide guidance and instruction to students and employees in the appropriate use of such resources.

Use of the Dyer County School System telecommunications and electronic information sources will be permitted upon execution and submission of agreement forms by employees or students and parents. Both student and employee users of the network(s) must demonstrate responsible behavior at all times. Violations of the terms and conditions stated in the agreement may result in disciplinary action up to and including suspension/expulsion for students and termination of employment for employees.

Network use is primarily intended for support of curricular work and research determined to be of value in teaching, learning, or otherwise in support of education in the Dyer County School System. In addition, employees may use the network(s) for personal, non-commercial, non-educational purposes; provided, that any such use shall not adversely impact (increase) the cost incurred by the Dyer County School System. Any other use of the network(s) may be considered inappropriate use of the Dyer County School System's resources. Any questions concerning appropriate/inappropriate uses may be directed to the system Director of schools or Technology Coordinator.

1 The director of schools shall develop and implement procedures to provide guidance for students and  
2 employees in the appropriate and ethical use of telecommunication network(s) such as the Internet.  
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4 **IV. RESPONSIBILITY**

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- 6 A. The director of schools is responsible for ensuring that appropriate administrative rules  
7 and regulations are developed to implement this policy.  
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- 9 B. Principals are responsible for ensuring that teachers are trained, that all users have  
10 have appropriate authorization to access telecommunication network(s), and for  
11 reviewing and approving all information submitted by their school personnel and/or  
12 students to the Technology Coordinator (or designee) for publication.  
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- 14 C. Executive staff is responsible for ensuring that all employees within their jurisdiction  
15 are trained, have appropriate authorization to access the telecommunication network(s),  
16 and for reviewing and approving all information published by their departments.  
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- 18 D. Teachers are responsible for ensuring that students are trained to use the district's  
19 telecommunication network(s).  
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- 21 E. Users (students and employees) of the Dyer County School System's telecommunication  
22 network(s) are responsible for complying with the provisions of this policy, the pertinent  
23 administrative rules and regulations, and the acceptable use policy agreement.  
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- 25 F. Any questions concerning this policy, the pertinent administrative rules and regulations,  
26 or the acceptable use policy agreement should be directed to the Technology Coordinator.  
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