



Derry Township School District

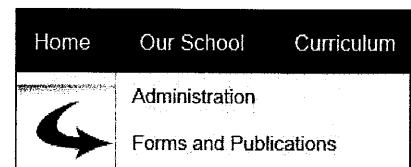
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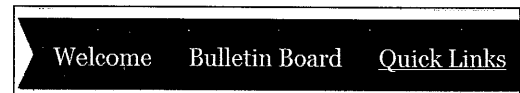
Dear DTSD Parents and Guardians,

For the last several years, Derry Township School District has implemented campus-wide changes that are eco-friendly and demonstrate good stewardship of our limited fiscal resources. These changes, such as ones designed to reduce electricity consumption, have saved tens of thousands of dollars annually. We have also implemented changes that cut down on the massive amounts of paper we use. This is no easy task in an educational environment, but we're making strides in the right direction. Not printing hard copies of student handbooks, the district Information & Policy Summary, and the Technology Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) forms for each student has resulted in substantial savings.

While we know this is the right thing to do, we also understand these documents contain important information for students and parents alike. So in order to keep you informed, we are once again posting electronic copies on the district's web site at www.hershey.k12.pa.us. To access any of these documents online, select the building your student attends. From the dropdown menu under "Our School" select "Forms and Publications".



You can also navigate there by choosing the "Quick Links" section of each school's main page. "Quick Links" also provides you an easy way to navigate to the full text of school board policies summarized in the other documents.



These documents will remain online the entire school year for your reference and they may be printed out if you prefer a hard copy. Reference copies are also available, upon request, in each school building if you have difficulty accessing the online version.

To help ensure that families have read the important information contained in the school handbook, the DTSD Information and Policy Summary and the Acceptable Use Policy, we will continue to require parents to provide signed documentation indicating they are familiar with the contents.

Please complete the attached acknowledgement form and return it, fully signed, no later than Thursday, September 1, 2016.

Sincerely,

Joseph E. McFarland, Jr.
Superintendent



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Parent/Guardian & Student Acknowledgment Signature Form

Please Print

Student's Name: _____ **Grade:** _____

Student Handbook Acknowledgement

My child and I have read the 2016-2017 Student Handbook and understand the policies and guidelines that are in place. We will do our best to ensure that we follow through with our part in keeping Derry Township School District a safe and positive place to learn and grow. We understand we may access this handbook and district policies online at any time (or a reference copy in print in the building offices) and will ask questions of school administration and/or staff in the event we are ever unsure of a policy or procedure

Check to Acknowledge

Acceptable Use of Technology Acknowledgement

By signing this form, we acknowledge we have read, discussed, and agreed to abide by the Derry Township Acceptable Use Policy. My child and I understand that DTSD reserves the right to retrieve and review, for purposes of determining compliance with policy, any input placed upon the computers and the Internet by any persons utilizing the DTSD computer and Internet capabilities. Failure to return this signed policy will deny my student's access to the Internet. We realize that a violation of the policy will result in disciplinary actions. We understand that this form will be maintained on file and will be enforceable until graduation. In addition, we accept that Derry Township School District makes no warranties with respect to computer use and Internet access. We agree that any costs, liability or damages caused by the way the undersigned student uses Internet access will be the responsibility of the parent/guardian.

Check to Acknowledge

District Information & Policy Summary Acknowledgement

We acknowledge the District Information & Policy Summary document contains selected summaries of policies and procedures related to the operations of Derry Township School District and is provided as a courtesy to students and parents. My child and I understand it is not – nor is it intended to portray – a verbatim reproduction of the complete texts of district policy and procedure documents. We understand we may access this document and district policies online at any time (or a reference copy in print in the building offices) and will ask questions of school administration and/or staff in the event we are ever unsure of a policy or procedure.

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Student Signature: _____ **Date** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date** _____