Your Computer and Internet Access

A computer lab with 12 desktop PC's and a laser printer/copier is located in the Administration building in the library. These computers are networked and have high-speed access to the Internet. The computer lab and library are opened during summer terms as follows: Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 10:30 p.m. Saturday, 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Sunday, 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.
Library times for the rest of the year depend on your GRS status. Please see someone in IT or your advisor.

STUDENTS WILL HAVE ACCESS TO THE LIBRARY/COMPUTER LAB DURING THESE HOURS ONLY. Computer support staff will be available Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Dorm Room Access

In addition to the computer lab, the Dauphin Island Sea Lab has provided its resident college students, who have their own computers, access to a high-speed connection to the Internet in their dorm rooms and graduate student offices. Connection to this network is done at the students' own risk, and the Dauphin Island Sea Lab is not responsible for material viewed or downloaded by users from the Internet, or damage to computers on this network.

Equipment needed for connection to the dorm network includes a 10/100 Base-T Network Interface Card (NIC), and a Category 5 patch cable (10 feet should be sufficient). A modem will not work with the dorm high-speed network. A battery backup or uninterruptible power supply (UPS) is recommended, as the power on campus tends to fluctuate.

Purchase and installation of the NIC is completely the responsibility of the student. The Dauphin Island Sea Lab does not have the resources to install the cards in individual students' computers or configure each system to connect to the Internet. Check your owner's manual before purchasing an NIC and configuring your network connection. You can request an instruction sheet from the computer support staff for your operating system to assist you in connecting to the Internet.

It is very important that you have an antivirus program before you put your computer on the DISL network. Please see computer support if you need assistance acquiring antivirus software*. It is also just as important that you keep this antivirus up to date with weekly definition updates!*

Internet Access Policy

Users of the Dauphin Island Sea Lab network and Internet connections are responsible for respecting and adhering to all local, state, federal, and international laws. Any attempt to break those laws through the use of the network may result in litigation against the offender by the proper authorities. Transmission of any material in violation of any federal or state statute or regulation is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, copyrighted material, material legally judged to be threatening or obscene, or material protected by trade secret. If such an event should occur, this organization will fully comply with the authorities to provide any information necessary for the litigation process. While we cannot be responsible for the actions of individual users, it is understood that the Dauphin Island Sea Lab will make every effort to ensure compliance with established laws.

Spamming, Warez, pirating mp3's, and movies, bit torrent and excessive bandwidth (downloading) usage will not be tolerated. Participating in the above activities may cause the loss of network privileges.

I have read and agree to the above information and Network/Software policy.

Print Full Name:_____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

All students are required to read and complete this form.

If under 19, Parents signature is also required Parent:_____