



Anatomy of a Strong Password

Upper Case—

Greatly multiplies the amount of time it takes to crack a password.

Lower Case—

Write your password as you would a title or phrase.

Duncanville ISD Minimum Requirement for Passwords

- At least 8 characters long
- 3 different character types
 - Upper case letter
 - Lower case letter
 - Number
 - Special character *(like punctuation or any symbol above the numbers on the keyboard)*

REMEMBER: Never share your password with anyone!

#My1stPassword

Special Character—

Get your phrase, then throw in an exclamation or question mark.

Numbers—

Place numbers where they make sense. If it's not logical, it will be harder to remember.

Password length—

Increasing your password strength is more about length than complexity. Multi-word phrases are more secure passwords than 8-10 character nonsense words.

Steps to Create your Password:

1. Choose a word or phrase that is at least 8 characters long. **DO NOT** use your name, student ID or any other personal information that others would know.
2. Capitalize at least one of the letters. If it is a phrase then capitalize as you would a title.
3. Choose your favorite number. If you don't have a favorite number, then pick one that you can remember easily.
4. Choose a special character *(like punctuation or any symbol above the numbers on the keyboard)*.

Tip: When it comes time to change your password you may want to just add or delete a character from the previous password.



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