Every DER laptop has a built in wireless network adapter which enables it to connect not only to the DER wireless network at school, but to any compatible wireless network. This means that if you have a wireless modem or router at home you will be able to connect to your home network. Here’s how to set it up!

**Step 1**

In the system tray on the right hand side of the task bar you will see the Windows 7 wireless icon.

The yellow star on top of the icon indicates that you are not currently connected to a network, but that there are wireless networks available.

**Step 2**

To see the list of available wireless networks, click on the wireless icon. Select the network that you want to connect to and click **Connect**.
Step 3
You will then be asked to enter a network security key, enter the key and click **OK**.

**Tip:** This key would have been set when your wireless network was originally configured via the modem or router settings. If you do not have a security key on your network, other users within range of your network will be able to access your shared network files and internet connection. It is highly recommended that you secure your home network.

Step 4
Your laptop will now attempt to connect to the selected network with the key that you have entered.

Step 5
Once connected the bars on the wireless icon will turn white, these bars indicate signal strength. You are now connected to your wireless home network!

Other TSO Tips
- It is a good idea to set your wireless network to connect automatically, then whenever you roam into range of your network you will establish a connection immediately.
- To view more detailed information about all of your wireless connections, click on the wireless icon and then click **Open Network and Sharing Center**.
- A red **X** on top of your wireless icon indicates no wireless connectivity and no available networks. Try powering your network card off and then on again by pushing the green wireless button on your laptop, or click on the wireless icon in your system tray and then click **Troubleshoot**.