



SOUTHWEST LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT INTERNET/ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY FOR STUDENTS

The Southwest Local School District offers students internet / network access and the use of the District computers, as well as the ability to bring their own device and access the Internet. We are dedicated to access and support of appropriate technology which unlocks our potential and connect us locally and worldwide.

Individuals are warned that some material accessible via the network or the Internet might contain items that are inaccurate, inappropriate or potentially offensive to some persons. While the district's intent is to make internet access available to further educational goals and objectives, students may find ways to access other materials as well. We believe that the benefits to the students from access to the Internet, in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration, exceed any disadvantages. Proper teacher supervision will be provided; however, it is still the responsibility of each student to make appropriate choices. The Internet access will be filtered through a firewall that is provided by HCCA. Ultimately, parents and guardians of minors are responsible for conveying the standards that their children should follow when using media and information sources and upholding the Internet /Network Acceptable Use Policy for Students.

The purpose of this agreement is to provide network and internet access for educational purposes. The intent of the policy is to ensure that students will comply with all network and internet access acceptable use regulations approved by the district and in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct. If this form is not returned to the building within 2 weeks of receipt, then student network privileges will be denied.

Upon reviewing, signing and returning this policy, each student will receive internet and network privileges with the district. If the student is under 18 years of age, the student must have his or her parent(s) or guardian(s) read and sign the policy as well. The district will not provide access to any student who has not returned an appropriately signed Internet/ Acceptable Use Policy for Students.

Following are the provisions of this policy regarding computer internet and network access. If any user violates the terms and/or provisions of the policy, the user's access will be denied and the person may be subject to further disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct and/or Board policies and this may affect their class grade.

In exchange for the use of the network resources and access to the internet while on school property, I understand and agree to all of the following:

- A. Use of the network and the internet is a privilege which may be revoked by the district at any time. Any misuse of this privilege will result in suspension of the account privileges and/or other disciplinary action as determined by the district. Misuse shall include, but is not limited to, the following:
- Altering of system software.
 - Use of obscene language.
 - Placing of unauthorized information, computer viruses or harmful programs on or through the computer system in either public or private files or messages.
 - Intentionally seeking information on, obtaining copies of, or modifying files, or other data or passwords belonging to other users.
 - Misrepresenting other users on the network.
 - Disrupting the operation of the network through abuse of the hardware or software.
 - Utilizing the network maliciously through hate mail, harassment, profanity, vulgar statements or discriminatory remarks.
 - Interfering with other use of the network.
 - Using the network extensively for non-educational related communication.
 - Illegally installing copyrighted software.
 - Unauthorized downloading, copying, or use of licensed or copyrighted software.
 - Allowing anyone to use an account other than the account holder.
 - Intentionally damaging computer systems.
 - Using another's password.
 - Trespassing in another's folder, work or files which may be in violation of conditions dealing with students' and employees' rights to privacy.
 - Reposting (forwarding) personal communication without the author's prior consent.

- Using the network for financial gain, for commercial activity or for any illegal activity.
- Using the network / internet in an inappropriate manner not consistent with valid educational goals.
- Using the network in furtherance of or violation of the Student Code of Conduct.
- Using the network to access social networking sites or blogs.

- B. The district maintains rights to any materials stored in files which are accessible to others and will remove any material which the district, at its sole discretion, believes may be unlawful, obscene, pornographic, abusive, and otherwise objectionable. Students will not use their district computer accounts/access to obtain, view, download, or otherwise gain access to such materials.
- C. All information, services and features contained on district or network resources are intended for the private use of its registered users and use of these resources for commercial, for profit or other unauthorized purposes (i.e. advertisements, political lobbying), in any form is expressly forbidden.
- D. The district and/or network resources are intended for the exclusive use by the registered users. The user is responsible for the use of his or her account/password and/or access privilege. Any problems which arise from the use of a student's account are the responsibility of the account holder. Use of an account by someone other than the registered account holder is forbidden and may be grounds for loss of access privileges.
- E. The district does not warrant that functions of the system will meet any specific requirements that user may have, or that it will be error-free or uninterrupted; nor shall the district be liable for any direct or indirect, incidental, or consequential damages (including loss of data, information, or time) sustained in connection with the use, operation, or inability to use the system.
- F. The student may not transfer file(s), shareware, or software from information services and electronic bulletin boards. Without such permission, the student will be liable to pay the cost or fee of any file, shareware, or software transferred, whether intentional or accidental. In addition, the student will be liable to pay the cost of any repairs and/or additional programming required as a result of transferring file(s), shareware, or software from information services and electronic bulletin boards.
- G. The use of Southwest Local School District owned information technology and the internet is not private. Network and internet access is provided as a tool for educational purposes. The district reserves the right to monitor, inspect, copy, review, and store at any time, without prior notice, any and all usage of the computer network and internet access and any and all information transmitted or received in connection with such usage. All information files shall be and remain the property of the district and no user shall have any exception of privacy regarding such materials. Administrators reserve the right to examine, use and disclose any data found on the school's information networks in order to further the health, safety, discipline or security of any student or other person or to protect property. Administrators may also use this information in disciplinary action and will furnish evidence of a crime to it.
- H. The district makes no warranties of any kind, either express or implied, in connection with this provision of access to and use of its computer network and internet under this agreement. The district shall not be responsible for any claims, losses, damages, or costs (including attorney's fees) of any kinds suffered, directly or indirectly, by any user or his or her parent(s) or guardian(s) arising out of the users' use of the district's computer network / internet under this agreement. By signing this agreement, users and/or their parent(s) or guardian(s) are taking full responsibility for usage and are agreeing to indemnify and hold the district, the data acquisition site, and all administrators, teachers and staff harmless from any and all loss, cost, claims or damages resulting from the user's access to the computer network / internet, including but not limited to, any fees or charges incurred through the purchase of goods or services by the user. The user, or if the user is a minor, the user's parent(s) or guardian(s), agree to cooperate with the district in the event the district initiates an investigation of a user's use of his or her access to the computer network and the internet, whether that use is on a school computer or a computer outside the district network.
- I. Users may be asked from time to time to provide new or additional registration and account information, which shall be provided by the user if he or she wishes to continue to receive access services.



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Student Agreement

I have read, understand and agree to abide by the terms of the Internet/Network Acceptable Use Policy for Students. All rules regarding network and internet access will be available in hard copy in each principal's office. Should I commit any violation or in any way misuse the network / internet, I understand that my access privilege may be revoked, that school disciplinary action may be taken against me under the Student Code of Conduct, and that this may affect my class grade.

Student Name (please print) _____

Street Address _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Homeroom Teacher _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent(s) / Guardian(s) Agreement

As the student's parent or legal guardian, I have read, understand and agree that my child shall comply with the terms of the school district's Internet/Network Acceptable Use Policy for Students. I understand that this access is being provided to the students for educational purposes only. I agree that this policy will hold harmless and indemnify the school district for any fees, expenses, or damages incurred as a result of my child's purposeful use or misuse of the network, access to the internet, or computer equipment.

Parent Name (please print) _____

Street Address _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Email Address _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____