

Iowa Park CISD Technology Acceptable/Responsible Use Policy

Iowa Park Consolidated Independent School District (CISD) provides a variety of electronic communications systems for educational purposes. **The electronic communications system is defined as the District's network (including the wireless network), servers, computer workstations, mobile technologies, peripherals, applications, databases, online resources, Internet access, email, and any other technology designated for use by students, including all new technologies as they become available.** This also includes any access to the Iowa Park CISD technology system while on or near school property, in school vehicles and at school-sponsored activities, and includes the appropriate use of district technology resources via off-campus remote access.

In accordance with the Children's Internet Protection Act, Iowa Park CISD educates staff and students regarding appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites (including chat rooms). Iowa Park CISD also educates staff and students on cyber bullying awareness to insure Internet safety, including use of email and Web 2.0 resources, and has deployed filtering technology and protection measures to restrict access to inappropriate content such as those that are illegal, harmful, or contain potentially offensive information. While every effort is made to provide the most secure and optimal learning environment by monitoring on-line activities, it is not possible to absolutely prevent access (accidental or otherwise) to inappropriate content. It is possible that you may run across areas of adult content and some material you (or your parents) might find objectionable. While the district will take reasonable steps to restrict access to such material, it is not possible to absolutely prevent such access. **It is each student's responsibility to read district policy, regulations and agreement forms and ask questions if you need help in understanding and following the guidelines for appropriate and acceptable use.**

Iowa Park CISD users are permitted to use the district's resources for legitimate educational purposes. Personal use of district resources is prohibited. In addition, if a particular behavior or activity is generally prohibited by law, by Board policy or by school rules or regulations, use of Iowa Park CISD resources for the purpose of carrying out such behavior or activity is prohibited.

The smooth operation of the electronic communications system relies on the proper conduct of the users. Therefore, Iowa Park CISD has set the following standards and expectations for conduct:

RULES FOR APPROPRIATE USE

- Students must only open, view, modify, and delete their own computer files.
- Internet use at school must be directly related to school assignments and projects.
- Students will be assigned individual email and network accounts and must use only those accounts and passwords that they have been granted permission by the district to use. Students are responsible for not sharing the username and password for that account with others and are never to use a different account.
- All account activity should be for educational purposes only.
- Students must immediately minimize the program and report threatening messages or discomfoting Internet files/sites/emails to a teacher.
- Students must at all times use the district's electronic communications system, including email, wireless network access, and Web 2.0 tools/resources to communicate.

- Students are responsible at all times for their use of the district's electronic communications system and must assume personal responsibility to behave ethically and responsibly, even when technology provides them freedom to do otherwise. The district may suspend or revoke your access if you violate the rules.
- Students are responsible for backing up their data.
- Remember that people who receive email from you with a school address might think your message represents the school's point of view.

INAPPROPRIATE USES

- Using the district's electronic communications system for illegal purposes including, but not limited to, cyber bullying, gambling, pornography, and computer hacking.
- Disabling or attempting to disable or breach any system monitoring or filtering or security measures.
- Utilizing proxy gateways, or similar technologies, to bypass the Iowa Park CISD's monitoring or filtering.
- Sharing user names and passwords with others; and/or borrowing someone else's username, password, or account access.
- Utilizing the district's network and/or equipment to cheat on assignments or tests.
- Purposefully opening, viewing, using or deleting/destroying/modifying files belonging to another system user without permission.
- Changing hardware or software configurations.
- Electronically posting personal information about one's self or others (i.e., addresses, phone numbers, and pictures).
- Downloading, installing or plagiarizing copyrighted information without permission from the copyright holder.
- Intentionally introducing a virus or other malicious programs onto the district's system.
- Electronically posting messages or accessing materials that are abusive, obscene, sexually oriented, threatening, harassing, illegal, or damaging to another's reputation.
- Wasting school resources through improper use of the computer system(s).
- Utilizing school resources for non-instructional purposes.
- Attempting to gain unauthorized access to restricted information or resources.
- Purposefully misrepresenting yourself or others.
- Utilizing social network tools for personal use.

Consequences for Inappropriate Use

- Revocation of the computer system account; or
- Other disciplinary or legal action, in accordance with the District policies and applicable laws.
- Termination of System User Account(s): The district may deny, revoke, or suspend specific user's access to the district's system with or without cause or notice for lack of use, violation of policy or regulations regarding acceptable network use, or as a result of disciplinary actions against the user.
- Possible criminal action.

Both Student and Parent/Guardian must sign this form.

Student

I understand that my computer use is not private and that the district will monitor my activity on the computer system. I have read and understand the Technology Acceptable/Responsible Use Policy and agree to abide by the provisions in this policy. I understand that violation of these provisions may result in suspension or revocation of system access.

Print Name: _____ Grade: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent or Guardian

____ I do not give permission for my child to participate in the district's electronic communications system.

____ I do not give permission for certain personally identifiable information about my child, such as my child's name or a photograph of my child, to be electronically displayed and produced by the district.

I have read the district's electronic communications system policy and administrative regulations. In consideration for the privilege of my child using the district's electronic communications system, and in consideration for having access to the public networks, I hereby release the district, its operators, and any institutions with which they are affiliated from any and all claims and damages of any nature arising from my child's use of, or inability to use, the system, including, without limitation, the type of damage identified in the district's policy and administrative regulations.

____ I give permission for my child to participate in the district's electronic communications system and certify that the information contained on this form is correct.

____ I give permission for certain personally identifiable information about my child, such as my child's name or a photograph of my child, to be electronically displayed and produced by the district. The information or photo may be displayed on the Iowa Park CISD web page.

Student Name

Signature of parent

Date

Home address

Home telephone number