

Alto Independent School District
ACCEPTABLE USAGE POLICY FOR COMPUTERS AND INTERNET

To prepare students for an increasingly computerized society, the district has made a substantial investment in computer technology for instructional purposes. Use of these resources is restricted to students working under a teacher's supervision and for approved purposes only. Students and their parents will be asked to sign a user agreement regarding use of these resources; violations of this agreement may result in withdrawal of privileges and other disciplinary action. Students and their parents should be aware that e-mail using District computers are not private and may be monitored by District staff. (For additional information, see policy CQ)

Alto I.S.D. participates in the Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS) and through that system provides information required for the administration of the Foundation School Program and other appropriate provisions of the Education Code.

Under provisions of the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) Alto ISD has as a prerequisite to receiving universal service discount rates, and implements certain safety measures and submits certification to the Federal Communications Commission. Any pictures, images, graphics, or sexually explicit depictions are strictly prohibited. It is the responsibility of staff members to educate students about appropriate online behavior, including interactions with individuals on social networking sites/chat rooms, and cyberbullying awareness and response.

Technology protection measures are in place district-wide (i.e. filters, firewall and anti-virus detection apparatus) to protect students and the computer system. Access by employees and minor students to explicit or suggestive web sites is strictly prohibited. Alto ISD utilizes the technologies implemented by Region 7's ESC7.net contract to provide an up-to-date firewall and web filter appliance.

The use of electronic mail for personal use on school computers is prohibited for students and employees. Chat rooms, internet correspondence sites (I.e. "Facebook") are strictly prohibited for use on school computers. Unauthorized access (i.e. "Hacking") and other unlawful activities are prohibited.

Unauthorized disclosure, dissemination, and personal identification information is strictly prohibited. The district shall provide an annual in-service for employees on Acceptable Usage. The district shall also require each student and parent to sign an agreement for internet and acceptable technology usage agreement annually.

The superintendent of Alto I.S.D. (along with the district's director of technology) shall implement, monitor, and evaluate all electronic media resources for instructional and administrative purposes. Access to the District's electronic communications system may be made available to members of the public so long as it poses no tangible cost to the district, and does not unduly burden the District's computer network and its resources. Access to the District's electronic communications system is a privilege, not a right. Non-compliance may result in suspension of access or termination of privileges and other disciplinary actions consistent with District policy. Violations of criminal nature shall result in criminal prosecution as well as disciplinary action by the District.

Alto Independent School District uses G Suite for Education and will manage a G Suite for Education Account for your child. G Suite for Education is a set of education productivity tools from Google including Gmail, Calendar, Docs, Classroom and more used by tens of millions of students and teachers around the world. Alto ISD students will use their G Suite accounts to complete assignments, communicate with their teachers, and learn 21st digital citizenship skills.

Students, with parent permission, grades K-12, are provided Google email accounts to facilitate the use of Google Apps for Education applications and increase collaboration between their teachers and peers.

**Alto Independent School District
Parent/Student Agreement Form for Internet Access and Technology**

Dear Parent,

It is important that you and your child read the District policy, administrative regulations, and agreement form and discuss these requirements together. The Internet is a network of networks that allows access to hundreds of databases, libraries, and computer services all over the globe.

Alto ISD is participating in the ESC7Net project that provides a built in "Firewall" and "Web Filter", which is software that will block access to objectionable web sites.

The District will also take all reasonable steps to preclude access to all areas of adult content and other material you may find objectionable. Your child has an opportunity to participate in the Alto School district's electronic communications system(s) and needs your permission to do so.

With this educational opportunity also comes responsibility. Inappropriate system use will result in an appropriate punishment and/or restricted use of this educational tool. Please return this form indicating your permission or denial of permission for your child to participate in the District's system access to the internet.

Sincerely,
Kelly West
Alto ISD Superintendent