PISD Responsible Use Principles for Students

At Poolville ISD, we use technology as one way of enhancing the mission to teach the skills, knowledge, and behaviors students will need to succeed in the global community. These technologies may include, but are not limited to, district-provided equipment as well as personal devices (computers, tablets, cell phones, laptops, netbooks, e-readers, and more.)

We recognize that there are guidelines for students to use new technologies in a meaningful, safe, and responsible way. But with these new opportunities come new responsibilities. We want students to embrace the following principles so they may become responsible digital citizens.

In accepting this agreement, students acknowledge the following rules and conditions:

I will use technology in a meaningful, safe, and responsible way.
- I understand that I represent the school district in all my online activities. I understand that what I do on social networking websites should not reflect negatively on my fellow students, teachers, or on the District.
- I will use technology resources productively and appropriately for school-related purposes. I will avoid using any technology resources in such a way that would disrupt the activities of other users.
- I will use email and other means of communications (blogs, wikis, podcasting, chat, instant-messaging, discussion boards, virtual learning environments, etc.) responsibly.
- I understand that my school network and my school account are property of PISD and anything that I do can be monitored.
- I understand that District administrators will deem what conduct is inappropriate use if such conduct is not specified in this agreement.

I will use technology in accordance with the laws of the United States and the State of Texas
- Criminal Acts -- These include, but are not limited to, "hacking" or attempting to access computer systems without authorization, harassing email, cyberbullying, cyberstalking, child pornography, vandalism, and/or unauthorized tampering with computer systems.
- Libel Laws -- Publicly defaming people through the published material on the Internet, email, etc.
- Copyright Violations -- Copying, selling or distributing copyrighted material without the express written permission of the author or publisher (users should assume that all materials available on the Internet are protected by copyright), engaging in plagiarism (using other's words or ideas as your own).

I understand and will abide by the above Responsible Use Principles. Should I commit a violation, I understand that consequences of my actions could include suspension of computer privileges, disciplinary action, and/or referral to law enforcement.

Student Name (please print)_____

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Student Signature   Date

As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read the Responsible Use Principles. I understand that technology is provided for educational purposes in keeping with the academic goals of the District, and that student use for any other purpose is inappropriate. I recognize it is impossible for the District to restrict access to all controversial materials, and I will not hold the school responsible for materials acquired on the school network. I understand that children's technology activities at home should be supervised as they can affect the academic environment at school.

I hereby give permission for my child to use technology resources at the District.

Parent or Guardian's Name (please print)

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Date_____