

Internet and Network Specific Terms and Conditions for Users (Elementary/Intermediate Student and Parent Agreement)

The Whitney Independent School District offers students access to computers and the internet to support the district's vision and mission. In order to provide open access to the resources, tools, and equipment the school district believes are essential to teaching and learning, it is important that users understand their responsibilities and conduct themselves as good citizens and responsible learners at all times. Listed below are guidelines that outline responsible use.

I will:

- keep private information private. (My password and identity are mine and not to be shared.)
- treat others with respect both online and offline.
- report anyone who tries to use the computer to hurt or harass me to a teacher or other adult.
- strive to be a responsible digital citizen.
- encourage others to be good digital citizens.
- have appropriate conversations in all my interactions with others.
- tell adults when someone makes me feel uncomfortable.
- use computers for school-related purposes.
- credit my sources when I use others' information, images, or other material.
- respect the work of other students and do not try to copy, damage, or delete their work.
- follow District policies, rules, and regulations.
- ask for permission before connecting my own devices to the school's network unless it is on the district's approved list
- take care of the district's computer equipment.

I will not:

- read other students' private communications without permission.
- use improper language or pictures.
- use communication tools to spread lies about others.
- pretend to be someone else online.
- give out my full name, password, address, or any other personal information to someone I don't know.
- give out the full names and addresses of others.
- use anyone's password other than my own or the one my teacher gives me.
- send an email to anyone who asks me not to send them an email.
- talk to strangers in online conversations.
- look for, read, view, or copy inappropriate pictures or information.
- load my own software on the district network to use at school, unless I have received permission.
- try to get access to or make the computer or network do things not approved by my school and the District.

I understand:

- that the computers, network, and printers may not work every day.
- that sometimes my computer work may be lost, and I should be careful to back up important work.
- that some things I read on the internet may not be true.
- that I may encounter inappropriate material by accident while using the internet, and I should report it to my teacher or an adult immediately.
- that the computers and network belong to the district and that using them is a privilege, not a right.
- that it is my responsibility to make sure that any devices I use on a school network are approved.
- that the things that I do use a school device or network are not private and that my teachers and district staff may review my work and activities at any time.

DISCLAIMER AND LIMITATION OF LIABILITY—Use of the internet is provided on an “as is, as available” basis. You agree that this limitation is intended to, and does, release Whitney Independent School District, its board of trustees, agents, and staff members from any claims, damages, or losses that you may suffer that may arise out of the use of this system.

internet activities at the elementary and intermediate levels will be “teacher monitored”. This policy, however, should apply anytime children are allowed to use a computer at school or observe someone using a computer at school. The same guidelines set forth in this policy will encourage proper usage at home. All children should be made aware that some materials are not suitable, and such material should always be reported to an adult.

After reading, please sign and return the bottom of this page to your child’s school. Children must have a signed permission slip to participate in any internet activity or network program. Children without a permission slip will not be in the classroom at the time of the internet lesson.

You may keep this portion for future reference. The bottom portion of this page must be completed and returned.

APPLICATION FOR NETWORK ACCESS

(A parent or Guardian’s Signature is Required)

Student’s Full Name: _____ Grade: _____

Student’s Home Address: _____

Campus: _____

As the Parent or Legal Guardian of the above-named child:

- I have read and discussed the information concerning the internet with my child. • I fully understand that this access is designed for educational purposes, and every effort will be made to filter out controversial materials.
- I recognize that it is impossible for the Whitney Independent School District to restrict access to all controversial materials and will not hold Whitney ISD responsible for controversial materials offered on the network.
- I understand that my child is responsible for any transactions that occur under his or her user ID or account whether it be on or off campus that any violation of that policy will be considered a violation of the Student Code of Conduct and that my child may be denied access to the district’s technology resources in addition to any other disciplinary action.

By signing this form, I hereby give permission to allow my child to use the Whitney ISD Network and to allow internet access. I certify that all the information contained in this form is correct. As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read the Network and Internet Use Policy [CQ (LOCAL)] and the Responsible Use Technology Agreement for Students. I understand the conditions for use of the network and internet resources provided by the Whitney ISD and that access to technology resources is provided for the purpose of promoting educational excellence in keeping with the academic goals of the district, and that student uses for any other purpose is inappropriate. I understand that children’s internet activities at home should be supervised as they can affect the academic environment at school.

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____

Parent or Guardian Printed Name: _____

Parent or Guardian Address: _____

Parent or Guardian Phone Number: _____

Parent or Guardian Email Address: _____

Date: _____

School Year: _____