

Whitney Independent School District

Responsible Use Technology Agreement for Secondary Students

(Please return this agreement, signed by the student and parent, to your teacher.)

The Whitney Independent School District provides an array of technology resources for student use. This agreement outlines appropriate use and prohibited activities when using technology resources. Every student is expected to follow all guidelines stated below, as well as those given orally by the staff, and to demonstrate good citizenship and ethical behavior at all times.

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

Government Laws:

I will use computers in conformity with the laws of the United States of America and the State of Texas. Violations include but are not limited to, the following:

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. (A list of Federal statutes from the United States Department of Justice is below as Appendix A).

Libel Laws - Publicly defaming people through 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).

Netiquette And Appropriate Use Guidelines:

Network Resources - The use of the school network is a privilege, not a right, and may be revoked if abused. The student is personally responsible for his/her actions when utilizing the school's computer resources. Despite our best efforts and beyond the limits of filtering technology, your child may run across areas of adult content and some material you might find objectionable.

Privacy – Network storage areas are the property of the school district. The Network Administrator may review any storage area of the school network to maintain system integrity and to insure that students are using the system responsibly.

Copying/Downloading - Students are NOT permitted to download or install any software, shareware, or freeware onto the school's computers. Students are NOT permitted to copy others' work or intrude into others' files.

Inappropriate Materials Or Language – Students are NOT permitted to transmit, retrieve, or store materials that are discriminatory, harassing, obscene, pornographic, or inappropriate. Should students encounter such material by accident, they should report it to their teacher immediately. The use of district online systems for personal gain, political lobbying, or any other purpose which is illegal or against district policy, or contrary to the district's best interest is NOT permitted.

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STUDENT UNDERSTANDING:

- I understand that passwords are private. I will not allow others to use my account name and password, or try to use that of others. I understand that my school network and email accounts are owned by the District and are not private. Whitney ISD has the right to access my information at any time.
- I will not bring any floppy disks, zip disks, hard drives, CDs, DVDs, flash drives, or other storage media to the school unless I have specific permission to do so. I will have the supervising teacher or the district technology department personnel scan the media for viruses and check for appropriate content before using it on school equipment.
- I will be polite and use appropriate language in my email messages, multi-user role-playing and/or virtual learning environments, online postings, and other digital communications with others. I will refrain from using profanity, vulgarities or any other inappropriate language as determined by school administrators.
- I will use email and other means of communication (e.g. blogs, wikis, podcasting, chat, instant messaging, discussion boards, virtual learning environments, etc.) responsibly. I will not use computers, handheld computers, digital audio players, cell phones, personal digital devices, or the internet to send or post hate or harassing mail, pornography, make discriminatory or derogatory remarks about others, or engage in bullying, harassment, or other antisocial behaviors either at school or at home.
- I understand that I represent the school district in all my online activities. I understand that what I do on social networking websites such as TikTok, Snapchat, MySpace, Bebo, Twitter, YouTube, and Facebook should not reflect negatively on my fellow students, teachers, or on the District. I understand that I will be held responsible for how I represent myself and my school, department, or District on the internet.
- I understand that masquerading, spoofing, or pretending to be someone else is forbidden. This includes but is not limited to, sending out e-mails, creating accounts, or posting messages or other online content (e.g. text, images, audio, or video) in someone else's name.
- I will use technology resources responsibly. I will not retrieve, save, or display hate-based, offensive, or sexually explicit material using any of Whitney ISD's computer resources. I am responsible for not pursuing material that could be considered offensive. I understand that I am to notify an adult immediately if by accident I encounter materials that violate appropriate use.
- I will use technology resources productively and responsibly for school-related purposes. I will avoid using any technology resource in such a way that would disrupt the activities of other users.
- I will refrain from attempting to bypass, or circumvent, security settings or internet filters, or interfere with the operation of the network by installing illegal software, or web-based services and software not approved by the Whitney ISD Administrators or Technology Department.
- I understand that vandalism is prohibited. This includes but is not limited to modifying or destroying equipment, programs, files, or settings on any computer or other technology resource.
- I will respect the intellectual property of other users and information providers. I will obey copyright guidelines. I will not plagiarize or use others' work without proper citation and permission.
- I will refrain from the use of or access to files, software, or other resources owned by others without the owner's permission. I will use only those school network directories that are designated for my use or for the purpose designated by my teacher.
- I will follow all guidelines set forth by the District and/or my teachers when publishing schoolwork online (e.g. to a website, blog, wiki, discussion board, podcasting, or video server). I understand the internet is a source of information that is both true and false; and that the school is not responsible for inaccurate information obtained from the internet. I agree to abide by all internet safety guidelines that are provided by the school and to complete all assignments related to internet safety.
- I understand that District administrators will deem what conduct is inappropriate use if such conduct is not specified in this agreement.

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Appendix A – Unlawful Online Conduct and Applicable Federal Laws

The chart below details the type of unlawful online conduct, potentially applicable federal laws, and the section of the Department of Justice with subject-matter expertise. If the subject matter expert is not a section of the Department, but rather another agency, the entry will have an asterisk following its initials. In many cases, prosecutors may also consider whether the conduct at issue is a violation of **18 U.S.C. § 2** (aiding and abetting) or **18 U.S.C. § 371** (conspiracy).

Unlawful Conduct Applicable Federal Law DOJ Section

- 18 U.S.C. § 1030(a)(5)(A)** (transmission of program, information, CCIPS code, or command, resulting in damage) Denial of Service Attacks
- 18 U.S.C. § 1362** (interfering with government communication CCIPS systems)
- 18 U.S.C. § 2252B** (using misleading domain name with intent to [Use of Misleading Domain](#) deceive a person into viewing obscene material or with intent CEOs [Name](#) to deceive a minor into viewing harmful material)
- 18 U.S.C. § 1030(a)(6)** (trafficking in computer passwords) CCIPS Password Fraud
- 18 U.S.C. § 1029** (access device fraud) Fraud/CCIPS
- 18 U.S.C. § 1343** (wire fraud) Fraud 47 U.S.C. § 223(a)(1)(A) (using telecommunications device to make, create, or solicit, and transmit any obscene comment, CEOs Obscenity request, suggestion, proposal, image, or other communication)
- 18 U.S.C. § 1465** (using interactive computer service for purpose of sale or distribution of obscene material) Piracy and Intellectual
- 17 U.S.C. §§ 1201-1205** (Digital Millennium Copyright Act) CCIPS Property Theft
- 17 U.S.C. § 506** and **18 U.S.C. § 2319** (criminal copyright CCIPS infringement)
- 18 U.S.C. § 2319A** (trafficking in recordings of live musical performances) CCIPS Electronic Threats
- 18 U.S.C. § 875** (transmitting communications containing threats of kidnap or bodily injury) (Hobbs Act)
- 18 U.S.C. § 1951** (interfering with commerce by robbery, extortion, threats or violence) (Hobbs Act)
- 47 U.S.C. § 223 (a)(1)(C)** (anonymously using CTS DSS telecommunications device to threaten person who receives communication) CCIPS Electronic Harassment
- 47 U.S.C. § 223 (a)(1)(C)** (anonymously using telecommunications device to harass person who receives communication)
- 47 U.S.C. § 223(a)(1)(E)** (repeatedly initiates communication CCIPS with a telecommunication device solely to harass person who receives communication) CCIPS Interception of Electronic Communications
- 18 U.S.C. § 2511** (intercepting electronic communications)
- 18 U.S.C. § 2701** (accessing stored communications)
- 18 U.S.C. § 1030(a)(2)** (accessing a computer and obtaining information) CCIPS Cyberstalking
- 18 U.S.C. § 2261A** (using any facility of interstate or foreign commerce to engage in a course of conduct that places person in reasonable fear of death or serious bodily injury to person, DSS person's spouse or immediate family) See also Electronic Harassment Hate Crimes Look to civil rights laws and penalty enhancements Civil Rights Libel/Slander Posting Personal Look to civil laws Information on a Website (e.g., phone numbers, addresses) This is not a violation of the law. May also be protected speech under the First Amendment Invasion of Privacy See Interception of Electronic Communications Disclosure of Private Information
- 18 U.S.C. § 2511(1)(c)** (disclosing intercepted communications) CCIPS Spam
- 18 U.S.C. § 1037** (CAN-SPAM Act) CCIPS Spoofing Email Address
- 18 U.S.C. § 1037** (CAN-SPAM Act) CCIPS

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ALL STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENT/GUARDIAN ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN AND RETURN THIS PAGE BEFORE THE USE OF ANY TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT (PERSONAL OR DISTRICT-OWNED) IS ALLOWED AT WHITNEY ISD.

STUDENT AGREEMENT:

As a user of the School's technology resources, I understand and agree to comply with the netiquette and appropriate use guidelines outlined in the Responsible Use Technology Agreement for Students.

CONSEQUENCES FOR VIOLATION OF THIS AGREEMENT:

Should I commit a violation, I understand that the consequences of my actions could include suspension/loss of computer privileges or data and files, disciplinary action, and/or referral to law enforcement.

Student Name (print)

Student Email

Student Signature

Date

PARENT AGREEMENT:

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 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 computer activities at home should be supervised as they can affect the academic environment at school.

I understand that my child is responsible for any transactions that occur under his or her user ID or account, 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 also understand and give permission to allow the school to publish examples of my student's projects or publish photographs/videos of my child participating in school-related activities in district media or share with local media outlets. I certify that all the information contained in this form is correct.

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

Parent/Guardian Name (print)

Parent/Guardian Email

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date