



Student Acceptable Use Policy

You are being given access to the District's technology resources, meaning electronic communication systems and electronic equipment.

All files and programs on the computers/network and hardware equipment are the property of CISD. Please note that Internet access is part of the District's electronic communications systems. The Internet is a network of many types of communication and information networks that are used frequently in classroom assignments.

According to CIPA (Children's Internet Protection Act), schools must have an Internet filter in place to protect users. Our District uses filtering technology to restrict access to inappropriate material. You may run across some material you might find objectionable. While the District will use filtering technology to restrict access to such material, it is not possible to prevent such access. The district reserves the right to monitor all technological resource activity. **It is each student's responsibility to follow the guidelines for appropriate and acceptable use.**

Appropriate Use

- You may be assigned an individual account for hardware and Internet access, and you are responsible for not sharing the password for that account with others.
- The account is to be used mainly for educational purposes, but some limited personal use is permitted.
- You must comply with the Student Handbook, Code of Conduct, and Federal and State law.
- Remember that people who receive e-mails from you with a school address might think your message represents the school's point of view when using a district-provided account.
- You will be held responsible at all times for the proper use of your account, and the District may suspend or revoke your access if you violate the rules.
- Use of technology resources is not confidential and can be monitored at any time to ensure appropriate use.
- E-mail users are responsible for mailbox management including organization, cleaning, and compliance with records retention laws when using a district-provided account.
- When using the device for instructional purposes while on campus, you must use the District's wireless Internet services and are prohibited from using a personal wireless service.

Inappropriate Use

- Using the resources for any illegal purpose.
- Accessing the resources to knowingly alter, damage, or delete District property or information, or to breach any other electronic equipment, network, or electronic communications system in violation of the law or District policy.
- Damaging electronic communication systems or electronic equipment, including knowingly or intentionally introducing a virus to a device or network, or not taking proper security steps to prevent a device or network from becoming vulnerable.
- Disabling or attempting to disable any Internet filtering device.
- Encrypting communications to avoid security review.

- Using someone’s account without permission.
- Pretending to be someone else when posting, sending, or receiving messages.
- Attempting to read, delete, copy, modify, or interfere with another user’s posting, sending, or receipt of electronic media.
- Using resources to engage in conduct that harasses or bullies others.
- Sending, posting, or possessing materials that are abusive, obscene, pornographic, sexually oriented, threatening, harassing, damaging to another’s reputation, or illegal, including cyberbullying and “sexting.”
- Using e-mail or Web sites to engage in or encourage illegal behavior or to threaten school safety.
- Using inappropriate language such as swear words, vulgarity, ethnic or racial slurs, and any other inflammatory language.
- Violating others’ intellectual property rights, including downloading, or using copyrighted information without permission from the copyright holder.
- Wasting school resources through improper use of the District’s technology resources, including sending spam.
- Gaining unauthorized access to restricted information or resources

CIPA Compliance

CISD is enforcing a policy of Internet safety for minors that includes monitoring the online activities of minors and the operation of a technology protection measure for any of its computers with Internet access that protects against access through such computers to visual depictions that are:

- (I) obscene.
- (II) child pornography; or
- (III) harmful to minors; and CISD is enforcing the operation of such technology protection measures during any use of such computers by minors.

Consequences of Inappropriate Use

- Appropriate disciplinary or legal action by the Student Code of Conduct and applicable laws including monetary damages.
- Suspension of access to the district’s electronic communications system.
- Revocation of the district’s electronic communications system account(s); and/or
- Termination of System User Account: The district may deny, revoke, or suspend a 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 because of disciplinary actions against the user.
- Possible criminal action.

