

Independent School District #192 Acceptable Use Agreement

Please read and/or discuss the following with your student. His/her and your signatures are required on the form on page two before an account will be issued to your student.

The Internet

The Internet -- a collection of interconnected computer networks around the world – expands classroom and library media resources by providing access to information, images, and even computer software from places otherwise impossible to reach. These resources can yield individual and group projects, collaboration, curriculum materials and idea sharing. Internet access also makes possible contacts with people all over the world, bringing into the school, into the classroom, experts in every content area and students and adults from other nations and cultures.

Responsibilities

With this access comes responsibilities. ISD # 192 will provide access to and integrate a thoughtful use of such information throughout the curriculum and will provide guidance and instruction in the appropriate use of such materials in a community setting. Parents and guardians are responsible for agreements their children make or actions they take and, outside of school, for setting and conveying the standards their children should follow when using any media or information service. Students are responsible for good behavior on these electronic resources. Appropriate access is the shared responsibility of the school, the student and the family.

Communication on networked information resources is often public. People receiving messages have the ability to redistribute them for many others to read. It is very important that students understand the importance of appropriate and polite behavior and of avoiding the sharing, transmission or distribution of personal information that you would not want any stranger to have -- such as, but not limited to, addresses, telephone and/or social security numbers.

Restrictions

The following activities are not permitted on ISD # 192 electronic resources:

- Accessing, uploading, downloading, transmitting or displaying or distributing obscene or sexually explicit material; transmitting obscene, abusive or sexually explicit language.

Damaging computers, computer systems or computer networks; vandalizing, damaging or disabling the property of another person or organization; debilitating or disabling computers,

- systems or networks through the intentional mis- or overuse of electronic distribution or storage space, or the spreading of computer "viruses" through the inappropriate use of files or diskettes.
- Violating copyright, or otherwise using another person's intellectual property without his or her prior approval or proper citation; using another person's passwords; trespassing in another person's folders, work or files.
- Violating local, state or federal statute.

Rights and Privileges

The student user has full rights (within the limits of these guidelines, responsibilities and prohibitions) to the instructional networked resources provided by ISD # 192. The student's network account provides for personal storage space on ISD # 192 resources which may be treated as a student locker and should be cleared periodically. It is important that the students keep passwords secure and private. However, users should not expect that files will always be private. ISD # 192 network administrators have the right to review files to maintain system integrity and to be sure that the system is being used within the stated limits.

Disclaimers

ISD # 192 makes no warranties of any kind, either expressed or implied, for the provided access. The staff, the school and ISD # 192 are not responsible for any damages incurred, including, but not limited to, loss of data resulting from delays or interruption of service, for the loss of data stored on ISD # 192 resources, or for personal property used to access ISD # 192 resources; for the accuracy, nature, or quality of information stored on ISD # 192 resources or gathered through corporation-provided access; for unauthorized financial obligations incurred through ISD #192-provided access. Further, even though ISD # 192 may use technical or manual means to limit student access, these limits do not provide a foolproof means for enforcing the provisions of this policy. All provisions of this agreement are subordinate to local, state and federal statute.

Sanctions

Violations of school and ISD # 192 networked information resources policies could result in the loss of access to electronic resources. Additional disciplinary action may be determined at the building and/or classroom level in line with existing practice regarding language and behavior. When appropriate, law enforcement agencies may be involved.

[Effective: August 1996]

Student name: _____

Please print

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Student Access to Networked Information Resources**

- **Staff Permission: Staff member's name:** _____
Please print

The above student has my permission to apply for Internet access. Student access will be used to pursue educational objectives through student-conducted communication, research and other instructionally related activities. Alternative activities will be provided if access to networked information resources is refused or unavailable.

- **Staff Signature:** _____ **Date:** __/__/__

Student and Parent/Guardian Agreements:

Please read and/or discuss the Acceptable Use Agreement on page one (1) with your student. In accepting an account, your student accepts the responsibility of using the network in a responsible and appropriate manner. It is important that you understand his/her responsibilities as well. Your signature indicating that you have read and agreed to the guidelines is necessary before an account will be issued.

I have read, or have had read to me, and/or have discussed the Acceptable Use Agreement and agree to use the network in an appropriate and responsible manner.

- **Student Signature:** _____ **Date:** __/__/__

I have read and/or discussed the Acceptable Use Agreement with my student and give the school and ISD # 192 permission to issue an Internet account to my student.

- **Parent/Guardian Signature:** _____ **Date:** __/__/__

ISD # 192 supports and respects each family's decision whether or not to apply for student access and whether to terminate or suspend that access. Parents/guardians have the right to request alternative activities which do not require access to networked information resources. Access, if issued, shall remain in effect through the remainder of this school year, unless suspended or terminated by either the student, the school, or the parent or guardian.

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