

Disclaimer of Liability

The school district makes no warranty of any kind, neither expressed nor implied, for the Internet access it is providing. The District shall not be liable for:

- users' inappropriate use of electronic communication resources or violation of copyright restriction or other laws, users' mistakes or negligence, or costs incurred or unauthorized financial obligation resulting from the district-provided access to the Internet by the user
- ensuring the accuracy, age appropriateness, or usability of any information found on the Internet
- damage to personal property used to access district computers or networks or for district-provided Internet access
- any action of the user who accesses the Internet or any other type of computer networking service from a non-school, business, home, or individual account.

All terms and conditions as stated in this document are applicable to all users of the network. These provisions reflect an agreement of the parties and shall be governed and interpreted in accordance with this policy and the laws of the State of Texas and the United States of America.

Remember

Use of the Internet via the district network is a privilege, not a right. Unacceptable usage may result in suspension of access or termination of privileges and other disciplinary action consistent with district policies. Electronic mail transmission and other use of the district's electronic communication is not considered private. Designated district staff is authorized to monitor such communication at any time to ensure appropriate use.

Outside of school, families bear responsibility for the same guidance of Internet use as they exercise with information sources such as television, telephones, radio, movies, and other possibly offensive media.

The school district will educate all students about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms and cyber-bullying awareness and response.

For safety tips visit the following websites:

<http://kids.getnetwise.org/safetyguide/>
<http://www.ftc.gov/kidspivacy>
<http://onguardonline.gov/>

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San Benito CISD



Acceptable
Use
Policy





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Overview

The Internet is not a single network; it is a vast, globe-spanning network of networks. No single person, group, or organization runs the Internet. Instead, it is the purest form of electronic democracy. It provides vast, diverse and unique resources. With this freedom of expression and universal access, also comes the availability of material that may not be of educational value in the context of the school setting.

In making decisions regarding student access to the Internet, the San Benito CISD's goal is to promote educational excellence through resource sharing, innovation and communication. The District expects that faculty will blend thoughtful use of the Internet throughout the curriculum and will provide guidance and instruction to students in its use. The San Benito CISD perceives information gathered from the Internet in the same manner as reference materials identified by schools. Specifically, the district supports resources that will enhance the learning environment with directed guidance of faculty and staff. Exploration and manipulation of resources is encouraged. However, it is impossible to control all materials on a global network and an obstinate user may discover inappropriate information. It is required that teachers and staff members directly supervise and monitor all students' Internet sessions as they would any other classroom activity.

Even though the district uses filtering technology, implements certain Internet safety measures to comply with Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) including the new Order (FCC 11-125) revisions and Texas Law (Texas Education Code, Chapter 47 section 37.001 related to cyber-bullying), and restricts access to such material, it is not possible to absolutely prevent such access. Therefore, it will be the user's responsibility to follow the rules for appropriate use. The School District cannot prevent the possibility that some users may access material that is not consistent with its educational mission, goals and policies: CQ (Legal) - P, CQ (local) - B21 and FCC 47 U.S.C. 254, Local FFI <http://pol.tasb.org/Policy/Code/260?filter=FFI>

Guidelines

To remain eligible as users, use must be in support of and consistent with the educational objectives of the school district. Access is a privilege, not a right. Access entails responsibility. If a user violates any of the acceptable use provisions outlined in this document, future access will be denied. Any user violating the provisions contained herein, any applicable state or federal law, policies posted in classrooms and/or district policies in effect, will be subject to the loss of Internet access privileges. District disciplinary action consistent with district policies will be taken accordingly.

Acceptable Use means that the information must be:

- in support of education and research consistent with district policy
- consistent with the rules appropriate to any network being used / accessed and generally accepted rules of network etiquette.

It is advisable to notify the Technology Department immediately if you see any inappropriate web sites or any security problem. Also, inform the Technology Department if there should be changes in your account (name change, campus change, etc.)

Unacceptable Use means that a user is prohibited from:

- making unauthorized use or downloading of copyrighted information including music and movies



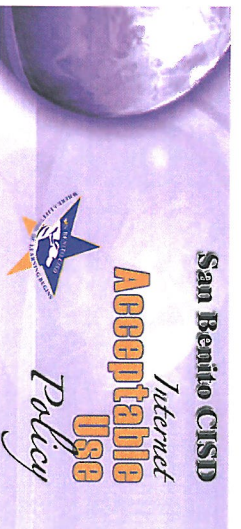
Filtering

In the schools, student access to and use of the electronic mail will be available through a restricted teacher/staff account. The district-provided Internet access has a filtering device that blocks access to visual depictions those are obscene, pornographic, inappropriate for students or harmful to minors, as defined by the federal Children's Internet protection Act (CIPA) and as determined by the Superintendent or his designee. This filtering device database blocks millions of inappropriate sites and is monitored and updated regularly.

- sending unsolicited bulk mail (UBE or SPAM), transmitting, distributing, uploading, posting of any material that is obscene, defamatory, libelous, unlawful, harassing, abusive, threatening, harmful and vulgar (cyber-bullying, sexting)
- using the school account for any personal, non-school commercial activities such as advertising or procurement for profit
- using the network for political or lobbying purposes
- using the Network or the Internet to induce, solicit, or participate in any unlawful activity such as gambling, extortion, pyramid schemes, chain letters, or the viewing of lewd materials
- disabling or by-passing any installed filtering device (i.e., hacking) or gaining access to any account not belonging to the user (i.e., cracking)
- making available or using any software, program, product or service that is designed to violate this AUP
- gaining access to restricted resources and information
- using devices and applications that put the network at risk**
- identifying or showing security problems to others
- using another person's account
- revealing your account password or allowing another person to use your account
- disseminating your or other's personal identification information

**Devices and applications that put the network at risk, but are not limited to:
- Unauthorized Wireless Access Points (WAPs), personal (non-school) computers or game consoles
- Consumer-grade routers
- Peer-to-peer applications such as LimeWire, BitTorrent, Skype, KaZaA, FreeNet, eDonkey and Gnutella
- Instant messaging such as Windows Messenger, AOL Instant Messenger and Yahoo!
- Other unauthorized uses of SBCSD Bandwidth/Network resources such as Skype





AGREEMENT FROM:

Sponsoring Parent or Guardian

Please return this signed card to your classroom teacher.

I have read the District's Internet Acceptable Use policy. (<http://www.sbcisd.net/acceptable-use-policy-2/>) In consideration for the privilege of using the District's electronic communications system, and in consideration for having access to the public networks, I hereby release the District, its operators, and any institutions with which they are affiliated from any and all claims and damages of any nature arising from my child's use of, or inability to use, the system, including, without limitation, the type of damage identified in the District's policy and administrative regulations.

I give permission for my child to participate in the District's electronic communications system and certify that the information contained on this form is correct.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Name of Student (Please Print) Student ID #

Campus

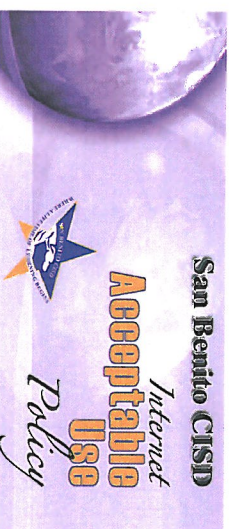
Home Address

Home Telephone Number Date

Sponsoring Teacher:
I agree to sponsor the above student and to supervise his or her responsible use of the District's system as defined by the District's policy and administrative guidelines.

Signature of Teacher

Date



AGREEMENT FROM:

Employee requesting an Electronic Communications System Account

I have read the District's Internet Acceptable Use Policy (<http://www.sbcisd.net/acceptable-use-policy-2/>) and agree to abide by its provisions. In consideration for the privilege of using the District's electronic communications system and in consideration for having access to the public networks, I hereby release the District, its operators, and any institutions with which they are affiliated from any and all claims and damages of any nature arising from my use of, or inability to use the system, including, without limitation, the type of damages identified in the District's policy and administrative regulations.

To activate your account, please send this form to the Human Resource Office and submit an online Ticket via your Principal's Office to the Technology Department for computer connectivity, configuration and password.

Print Name Here

Signature of Employee Employee Number

Home Address

Home Phone Number

Campus/Department Date

Remember: 1. You will be held responsible at all times for the proper use of your account. 2. The district may suspend or revoke your access if you violate the rules.