

-Student- Acceptable Use Policy for District Technology Resources

The district aim is to ensure that graduates are prepared for the world, and responsible use of technology is essential. The district has certain measures in place to keep students safe, legal, and responsible. The policies outlined here apply to all SSISD computer networks (including the devices made available to them), and all devices connected to those networks (whether on district grounds, or off). SSISD will provide access to help students connect on a global scale, but this brings great student responsibility. It is your responsibility to follow all rules for appropriate use. Board Policy [CQ \(Local\)](#), the [Sulphur Springs ISD Student Handbook](#), and [Student Code of Conduct](#) require or reference acceptable use policies and agreements for all users.

Please note that the Internet is a network of many types of communications and information networks. It is possible that you may run across some material you might find objectionable. While SSISD will use filtering technology to restrict access to such material, it is not possible to absolutely prevent such access. It will be your responsibility to follow the rules for appropriate use and any efforts to circumvent the safeguards in place are prohibited. Use of tools like Mobile Air Cards or Mobile Hot Spots are strictly forbidden within district facilities and may result in disciplinary action when discovered.

Responsible Use

Any use described below is deemed “**responsible.**” The final decision regarding whether any given use of the network or internet is acceptable lies with the Superintendent or designee.

- Use is for educational reasons
- District provided email accounts are for educational use only
- Use supports the educational and administrative purposes, goals, and objectives of SSISD
- Use is limited to your own individual account and your assigned device – you and only you should use your assigned account, and you should never share your password with others
- Use furthers research related to education and instruction
- Use does not violate the student code of conduct

Unacceptable and Irresponsible Use

Any of the following uses is deemed “**Unacceptable and Irresponsible.**” This list **does not include all** possible violations. The final decision regarding whether any given use of the network or internet is acceptable lies with the Superintendent or designee.

Disciplinary action may be taken for unacceptable and irresponsible use of the network or Internet.

- Use of school technology resources to encourage illegal behavior or threaten school, staff, or student safety
- Sending or posting messages and/or content that are abusive, obscene, sexually oriented, threatening, harassing, damaging to another’s reputation, illegal, or intended to bully
- Posting personal information about yourself or others (such as addresses and phone numbers) other than as needed to conduct school operations
- Using devices or accounts that are not assigned to you
- Use of technology resources such as chat rooms, social sites, and games

- Use of any means to disable or bypass the district’s Internet filtering system or other security systems
- Attempting to destroy, disable, or gain unauthorized access to district technology equipment, district data, the data of others, or other networks connected to the district’s system, including uploading or creating computer viruses or reckless programs and scripts of any sort
- Encrypting communications or files to avoid security review
- Forgery of e-mail messages or transmission of unsolicited junk e-mail
- Unauthorized use of copyrighted material, including violating district software licensing agreements
- Use related to commercial activities or for personal commercial gain
- Use that violates the student code of conduct, or is unlawful
- Use of an AI or generative application to complete an assignment that does not align with the teacher’s guidelines or to perform any other non-teacher specified activity like cheating or plagiarizing will result in discipline in accordance with the student handbook
- Wasting school resources through the improper use of the computer system

Consequences for Inappropriate Use

One or more of the following consequences may be imposed:

- Suspension of access to the system
- Revocation of the network or online account(s)
- Removal of device access
- Other action, including disciplinary action, in accordance with board policy and/or the Student Code of Conduct as applicable

Internet Safety

Safe Online Communication – Online communication is important but is not without some risk. While the district will work to keep students out of risky situations, students must also do their part by not participating in risky online behavior. Students should recognize and avoid inappropriate communications and report anything out of the ordinary to a trusted adult. Never share passwords, personal information, or inappropriate photos of yourself or others.

Internet Privacy – Be aware of online applications and websites as they may collect user information for various reasons which could put your information at risk. Take measures to omit or limit personal information and have a general understanding of how companies and websites collect information based on their privacy terms.

Research and Information Literacy

AI - Sulphur Springs ISD recognizes that artificial intelligence tools are increasingly accessible to both students and staff. Appropriate AI use for students will be communicated by the assigning teacher. All use of artificial intelligence on district devices, networks, or in connection with district work must align with applicable laws, district policies, and academic integrity standards.

Searching – Students will determine validity of information, properly cite sources, and use materials correctly. Students will use search engines to find information and content.

Research and Evaluation - Students will learn how to evaluate websites and resources for credible information. They'll use multiple sources to confirm information and will cite their online resources properly. Students will also be able to identify online advertisements and spam and understand their purpose.

Digital Citizenship

Students are expected to keep all communication and activity during the school day educationally appropriate. As students create online content, it is also important to adhere to rules for using materials of others. Always cite sources and ensure credit is given to the original author. Do not attempt to discredit or damage another student's work.

Social Media and E-Mail - Social media use should not be facilitated in the classroom. Email is available to students so they may email teachers and other appropriate staff members. Students need to remember online activity creates a digital footprint that can impact college and career endeavors. Online activity should be positive and productive.

Cheating – Access to digital devices makes cheating easier than ever before. Technology should not be used in any way to cheat or share information used for cheating.

Cyberbullying – Use of digital technologies or mobile devices to harass, threaten, embarrass or torment another student. Minors who participate in cyberbullying, either directly or indirectly, can be convicted in a court of law.

In order to avoid this, students will:

- Identify strategies for dealing with cyberbullying responsibly
- Analyze and report any offensive online behavior or interactions to a trusted adult
- Create positive online communities rooted in trust and respect
- Think before they send or post
- Recognize and identify factors that intensify cyberbullying, including what role they play in escalating or de-escalating online cruelty

Students will NOT:

- Publish information that is harmful or embarrassing to others
- Facilitate in the spreading of rumors via online platforms
- Participate in online polls, "bash" sessions, or other communities that are harmful to others
- Use school issued accounts or devices to use any sites that allow users to interact anonymously

Technology use and, if applicable, digital messaging with district provided resources, ARE NOT PRIVATE and may be viewed by district officials. All district provided accounts are to be used for educational purposes and adhere to this acceptable use policy. SSISD will monitor activity involving district equipment and services.

Accounts

The district uses various technology tools throughout the school year that require accounts and student data to be collected. In such cases, campus or district staff will verify adherence to the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA) and Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) before creating anything on behalf of the students. The district will keep a current list of approved and unapproved

tools on the district technology website for staff, students, and parents to view. This list will be updated throughout the year as tools are reviewed and new tools are included. All tools will be reviewed using an established district process.

SSISD Student Technology Fee Structure

The district provides each student in the district, free of charge, with a digital device for use in class. Pre-K – 2nd grade students have access to an iPad that is left in the classroom each night, 3rd - 5th grade students have access to a Chromebook that is left in the classroom each night, and 6th – 12th graders are issued a Chromebook that they will take home daily.

Students are expected to keep their device clean, in proper working order, and address any issues promptly with the student technology support on their campus.

If any damage or loss occurs, fees will be assessed based on the information below:

Accidental damage – first occurrence	
Device	1st time accidental fee
Chromebook	\$20
Accidental damage – subsequent occurrences (up to full cost of repair)	
Device	Full Repair cost fee
Chromebook - Screen	\$100
Chromebook – physical damage, such as keyboard or port	\$50 (per broken part)
<i>Damaged devices repaired at full repair costs</i>	
Intentional neglect or reckless care	
Devices deemed not repairable	Fee
iPad	\$300
Chromebook	\$250
Referral for discipline and fees assessed according to nature of offense.	
Lost or stolen devices	
iPad	Up to \$300
Chromebook	Up to \$250
<i>If stolen, campus police report must be filed, and status of the findings will determine replacement costs.</i>	
Charger Replacement costs	
iPad Charger	\$20
Chromebook Charger	\$40
Sticker Removal costs	
Asset Tag Removal	\$5
Serial Number Removal	\$5 & discipline referral