

Keller ISD - Technology Student Acceptable Use Policy

Purpose and Scope

Keller ISD provides technology resources to support innovation, collaboration, digital citizenship, and educational excellence aligned with the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) and District goals.

These guidelines apply to all students using District technology resources, whether on or off campus, including during remote, hybrid, or school sponsored activities.

Technology resources include but are not limited to: District managed devices, networks, internet access, learning management systems, cloud services, email, collaboration platforms, instructional applications, videoconferencing tools, and any future technologies provided or authorized by the district.

Technology access and device use is a **privilege, not a right**.

Availability of Access

- Student access to technology is provided **for educational purposes only**.
- All students and parents/guardians must acknowledge receipt and understanding of these Guidelines as a condition of access.
- Failure to comply may result in suspension or revocation of access and disciplinary action consistent with the Student Code of Conduct, Board Policy, and applicable law.

User Responsibilities and Account Security

Students are expected to:

- Use technology responsibly, ethically, and in accordance with all District policies and laws.
- Protect account credentials and never share passwords or authentication information.
- Use only their assigned accounts and devices unless explicitly authorized.
- Immediately report suspected security issues, unauthorized access, or misuse to a teacher or administrator.

Prohibited activities include, but are not limited to:

- Attempting to access another user's accounts, files, or communications.
- Circumventing security controls, content filters, monitoring tools, or device management systems.
- Installing or running unauthorized software, extensions, or applications on District managed devices.
- Attempting to remove device management tools, resetting device, or altering device settings.
- Attempting to uninstall programs on devices.
- Bringing personal devices to school.

Acceptable and Prohibited Use

Acceptable Use

Students may use technology for:

- Instructional activities, research, creativity, collaboration, and communication related to teacher approved purposes.
- Activities authorized by a teacher or District staff member.

Prohibited Use

Students may **NOT** use technology to:

- Engage in illegal activities or violate district policy.
- Create, access, transmit, or store content that is offensive, obscene, sexually explicit, threatening, harassing, discriminatory, or damaging to another person's reputation.
- Participate in cyberbullying, harassment, or intimidation.
- Conduct commercial activity, advertising, or solicitation.
- Arrange in person meetings with individuals met online or share personal contact information unrelated to instructional purposes.

- Utilizing digital tools to communicate with students during the instructional time for the purposes of playing games, watching videos/movies, and/or sharing links to games, videos, and movies.
- Accessing personal email accounts,
- Using incognito browsers

Digital Citizenship and Online Conduct

Students are expected to practice responsible digital citizenship, including:

- Respectful and appropriate online communication.
- Understanding the permanence of digital content.
- Proper citation of sources and respect for intellectual property.
- Awareness of online safety, privacy, and misinformation.

Digital Citizen Training on appropriate technology use, online behavior, and cyberbullying prevention will be provided in accordance with District policy.

Social Media and Online Platforms

- Use of social media, blogs, forums, messaging services, or non-District approved platforms are prohibited.
- Students must comply with District expectations even when using external platforms accessed through District technology.

Privacy and Monitoring

- District technology resources are **not private**.
- Files, communications, and usage data may be monitored, reviewed, or accessed by authorized District personnel to ensure system integrity, safety, and compliance.

The district makes reasonable efforts to protect student data but does not guarantee confidentiality of information stored or transmitted using technology.

Data Privacy, COPPA, and Third-Party Services

The district complies with the **Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA)** and other applicable privacy laws.

- Keller ISD uses district approved educational software and web-based services operated by third party vendors under district oversight.
- These services may collect limited student information solely for educational purposes.
- Parents/guardians who wish to deny access to specific approved digital tools must submit a written request to the campus principal.

Each student is assigned a district managed email and productivity account for instructional use only. Student email functionality may be restricted to communication with authorized district staff and systems.

Copyright and Intellectual Property

Students must:

- Respect copyright and licensing agreements.
- Follow fair use guidelines.
- Properly credit original work.

Unauthorized copying, redistribution, or use of copyrighted materials is prohibited.

Violations and Consequences

Violations of these guidelines may result in:

- Temporary or permanent loss of technology privileges.
- Disciplinary action as outlined in the Student Code of Conduct and Board Policy.
- Referral to law enforcement when required by law.

Students or parents/guardians may be held financially responsible for damage to district equipment resulting from intentional misuse.

Disclaimer of Liability

Keller ISD is not responsible for:

- Student misuse of technology resources.
- Loss of data due to system failure or user error.
- Accuracy or appropriateness of external online content.

Acknowledgment and Agreement

By accessing district technology resources, students and parents/guardians acknowledge that they have read, understand, and agree to comply with these Technology Student Acceptable Use Guidelines as a condition of access.