



Student Acceptable Use Policy

Purpose and Authority

The Maypearl Independent School District provides technology resources for student use to promote educational excellence. Use of these resources is a privilege, not a right, and may be revoked if abused. District administrators reserve the right to deem what conduct constitutes "inappropriate use" even if not specifically listed in this agreement.

Legal Compliance and Ethical Behavior

- **Government Laws:** Students must use computers in conformity with the laws of the United States and the State of Texas. This includes adherence to Federal statutes regarding "hacking," unauthorized access, and child pornography.
- **Intellectual Property:** Students must obey all copyright guidelines and Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA) regulations. Copying, selling, or distributing copyrighted material without express written permission is prohibited.
- **Academic Integrity:** Plagiarism—using the words or ideas of others as your own—is strictly forbidden. Students must respect files and resources owned by others and may not access them without permission.

Network Security and System Integrity

- **Privacy & Monitoring:** District network storage, email accounts, and files are not private and are the property of Maypearl ISD. The Network Administrator may review any storage area at any time to maintain system integrity.
- **Credential Protection:** Passwords are private; students may not allow others to use their accounts or attempt to use another person's credentials. Masquerading, spoofing, or pretending to be someone else—even as a joke—is forbidden.
- **Resource Protection:** Students are prohibited from bypassing or circumventing security settings or Internet filters. Vandalism, which includes modifying or destroying equipment, programs, files, or settings, is prohibited.
- **External Media:** Personal storage media (flash drives, hard drives, etc.) may not be used on school equipment without specific permission and a virus scan by district personnel.

Digital Citizenship and "Netiquette"

- **Appropriate Language:** Students must be polite and use appropriate language in all digital communications, including emails, blogs, and virtual learning environments. Profanity, vulgarity, or derogatory remarks are prohibited.
- **Cyberbullying and Harassment:** Students must not use any device to send or post hate mail, discriminatory remarks, or engage in bullying or antisocial behaviors, whether at school or at home.



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- **Inappropriate Material:** Transmitting, retrieving, or storing obscene, pornographic, or sexually explicit material is prohibited. If such material is encountered accidentally, it must be reported to a teacher immediately.

Consequences of Violation

A violation of this agreement may result in the loss of computer privileges, disciplinary action under the Student Code of Conduct, and/or referral to law enforcement.

Student Acknowledgment

I have read and accept the guidelines of the Maypearl ISD Student Responsible Use Policy. I understand that I represent the District in my online activities and will be held responsible for my actions. I understand that I am required to acknowledge this policy annually.

Student Name (Print): _____

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian Acknowledgment

As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read the Maypearl ISD Student Responsible Use Policy. I understand that access to technology is provided for educational purposes and that the District cannot restrict access to all controversial materials. I agree that my child is responsible for any transactions under their account and may be denied access for violations. I hereby give permission for my child to use District technology resources.

Parent/Guardian Name (Print): _____

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