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Internet Use Policy for Andrews Independent School District (ISD)

1. Purpose:
The purpose of this Internet Use Policy is to ensure the safe, responsible, and ethical use of the Internet by all students, staff, and stakeholders of Andrews Independent School District (ISD). This policy aims to provide guidelines for appropriate online behavior, protect users from potential risks, and promote a positive digital learning environment.

2. Acceptable Use:
a. Access to the internet is provided to enhance educational opportunities and support the educational goals of Andrews ISD. Users are expected to use the Internet for educational purposes, research, collaboration, and communication relevant to their academic endeavors.

b. Users must comply with all applicable laws, district policies, and guidelines while using the internet. Prohibited activities include, but are not limited to: accessing or sharing explicit, offensive, or illegal material; engaging in cyberbullying, harassment, or discrimination; damaging or tampering with network resources; and violating copyright or intellectual property rights.

3. User Responsibilities:
a. Students, staff, and stakeholders are responsible for their own actions when using the Internet. They should use appropriate language, respect others' opinions, and maintain a positive and inclusive online environment.

b. Users should not disclose or share personal information, such as addresses, phone numbers, or passwords, without proper authorization. They must also refrain from attempting to gain unauthorized access to restricted areas, hacking, or engaging in any form of malicious or disruptive activity.

c. Users are responsible for reporting any incidents of inappropriate content or behavior encountered while using the internet to the appropriate authorities or administrators.

4. Network Security:
a. Users must not attempt to bypass or circumvent security measures put in place to protect the network, including firewalls, filtering systems, or any other security protocols. Any vulnerabilities or potential security risks should be reported immediately.

b. Unauthorized installation or use of software, malware, viruses, or any other programs that may disrupt or compromise the network's integrity is strictly prohibited.

5. Privacy and Data Protection:
a. Users should be aware that Andrews ISD may monitor internet usage, including websites visited, online activities, and communications, to ensure compliance with this policy and maintain network security.

b. Students' online activities may be supervised by teachers, administrators, or other authorized personnel to provide guidance, support, and ensure a safe learning environment.

6. Consequences for Violations:
a. Violations of this Internet Use Policy may result in disciplinary action, loss of access privileges, and potential legal consequences as dictated by local, state, and federal laws.

b. Andrews ISD reserves the right to take appropriate measures, including but not limited to investigating incidents, confiscating devices, and involving law enforcement authorities when necessary.

7. Review and Updates:
This Internet Acceptable Use Policy is subject to periodic review and updates by Andrews ISD. Changes to the policy will be communicated to all users to ensure continued compliance.

By accessing the Internet provided by Andrews ISD, users acknowledge their understanding and agreement to abide by this Internet Use Policy.