

Llano Independent School District (LISD)  
INTERNET SAFETY & NETWORK ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

The Llano Independent School District makes a variety of communication and information technologies available to students through network/internet access. These technologies, when properly used, promote educational excellence in the District by facilitating resource sharing, innovation and communication. Illegal, unethical or inappropriate use of these technologies can have dramatic consequences, harming the District, its students, and its employees. The Acceptable Use Guidelines (AUG) are intended to minimize the likelihood of such harm by educating LISD students and parents and setting standards which will serve to protect students.

Parents and students should realize that with this educational opportunity comes responsibility. LISD uses a Web filter that helps protect against Internet access by both adults and minors as well as visual depictions that are obscene; pornography; or, with respect to use of the computer by minors, harmful to minors. However, even with a filter, there may still be sites accessible via the internet that contains materials that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate or controversial. Although the District will attempt to limit access to objectionable material by using various means, controlling all materials on the Internet is impossible. LISD currently blocks all external chat rooms and instant messaging. Each student has access to internal email ONLY. LISD uses a content filtering appliance which allows the IT department to restrict access to any material they deem harmful to minors. LISD protects against hacking by using an internal and external firewall and a domain controller with policy controls designed to restrict access. All access to personal identification information regarding minors is stored on a secure database. All access to the database is restricted by user groups with specific access rights given to each group.

Students will be provided email and Internet accounts. Any parent or guardian who wishes to deny Internet access to their LISD student must return a signed copy of the Internet Access Denial form. Students are responsible for not sharing the password of their account with others. LISD accounts are to be used only for identified educational purposes. Students and parents should be aware that the District monitors all use and communication on its computer system. No communication on the system is private. Students are held responsible at all times for the proper use of their account. The District may suspend or revoke a student account if District rules are violated. **All technology including hardware, software, and internet access is available to students in the Llano Independent School District as a privilege, not a right.** The following standards will apply to all users of the Network/Internet.

**Users of the Llano ISD Technology Resources will not:**

- Use the resources for any illegal purpose.
- Use social networking sites. (Facebook, Twitter)
- Disable, attempt to disable, or circumvent any Internet filtering device.
- Encrypt communications to avoid security review.

- Borrow someone's account with or without permission. Students must be logged in as themselves to the Network and Internet.
- Use chat rooms.
- Post personal information such as addresses or telephone numbers about yourself or others.
- Download or use copyrighted information without permission from the copyright holder.
- Intentionally introduce a virus to the computer system.
- Post messages or access materials that are abusive, obscene, sexually oriented, threatening, harassing, damaging to another's reputation, illegal, or could be characterized as bullying.
- Waste school resources through the improper use of the computer system.
- Gain unauthorized access to restricted information or resources.
- Students may not incur or attempt to incur any financial liability. This includes, but is not limited to, accessing any fee based service.

**Any type of computer piracy, hacking, or tampering with hardware or software is forbidden.**

**No one may use the network to annoy, harass or otherwise offend people.**

**Students should not tie up the network with idle activities.**

#### **CONSEQUENCES FOR IMPROPER USE**

All users should be aware the inappropriate use of the electronic information resources can be a violation of local, state, and federal laws. Violations can lead to prosecution. The District will cooperate fully with the local, state, or federal officials in any investigation concerning or relating to misuse of the District's electronic communications systems.

**ALL users should be aware that Llano ISD retains the right to withdraw account privileges at any time.**

#### **RIGHT TO EXAMINE ALL DATA**

Llano ISD reserves the right to examine all data stored in all district computer systems to make sure that all users are in compliance with these regulations.

Llano ISD also reserves the right to use the electronic means to restrict access to questionable material and to track and monitor the use of the internet.

#### **COPYRIGHT**

Copyrighted software or data may not be placed on any system connected to the District's system without permission from the holder of the copyright. Only the owner, or individuals the owner specifically authorize, may upload copyrighted material to the system.