Needville Independent School District
Student Acceptable Use Policy for Technology

The Needville Independent School District recognizes the value of technology in helping the district achieve its educational purposes. Computer use, computer networks, and Internet services can enhance the educational program and help students develop the knowledge and skills they need to be successful. In addition, computer use, computer networks, and Internet services can help staff support the educational program, strengthen district communications, and improve operational efficiency. These services are for the specific and limited purpose of achieving the district's goals and accomplishing its educational and organizational purposes.

The use of NISD's technology is a privilege, not a right. Inappropriate use will result in the loss of this privilege.

Please note that the Internet is a network of many types of communication and information networks. It is possible that you may run across areas of adult content and some material you (or your parents) might find objectionable. While NISD 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.

District Rights and Responsibilities
- Access to the NISD's network will be made available exclusively for instructional and administrative purposes.
- NISD reserves the right to deny technology access to any individual. Only students who have returned and signed the Acceptable Use Policy signature page and are under the supervision of designated district employees are permitted to use a district computer.
- NISD reserves the right to monitor all activity on all computers, networks, and the Internet.
- NISD reserves the right to block any material on the Internet.
- Use of NISD's systems shall not be considered confidential.
- Security on the network is a high priority. The Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures that will maximize system security.
- Opinions, advice, services and all other information expressed by students, staff, information providers, service providers, or other third party personnel on the Internet provided by NISD are those of the individual and do not represent the position of NISD.
- Educate students in Internet safety and cyber security which includes cyber bullying and digital citizenship.
- NISD staff is responsible for supervising student use of technology.
- Using personal laptops, smart phones, or wireless devices to connect to the NISD BYOD Wireless network is allowed if the device is used as an educational tool and ONLY if the use of the device is applicable to specific activities conducted in class.

Prohibited uses of the Technology include, but are not limited to:
- Sending, receiving, displaying, or accessing defamatory, inaccurate, abusive, obscene, profane, sexually oriented, threatening, racially offensive, harassing, or illegal materials.
- Cyber bullying.
- Encouraging the use of or promoting the sale of controlled substances or drugs.

- Any attempt to destroy, damage, or dismantle any and all technology equipment[1].
- Using portable operating systems.
- Using mass storage devices[2] for any use other than school-related assignments or activities.
- Any attempt to gain access to, deny access to, harm, alter, or destroy data found on the school's networks, stand alone computers, or public networks. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses.
- Redistributing a copyrighted program or copyrighted material without the express written permission of the owner or authorized person or as provided by the fair use exception. This includes uploading and downloading of materials.
- Downloading and/or installing any software, including but not limited to commercial software, shareware, freeware, original software, and/or utilities on school computers, networks, or mass storage devices[2].
- Downloading music, movies, games, videos, or any other data.
- Accessing any software other than software that is assigned.
- Disabling, attempting to disable, or by passing Internet filtering devices and/or changing or attempting to change any computer configurations or settings.
- Attempting to change the physical configuration of the network. Adding personal switches, patch cables, removing hardware, etc.
- Using real-time conference features, such as forums, talk, blogs, chat, and/or Internet relay chat, nor will students be allowed to use e-mail.
- Playing Internet games or surfing for any purposes other than school-related assignments or activities.
- Logging into the system using another user's account or password.
- Leaving an account open or unattended.
- Violating any district, local, state, or federal regulation or statute.
- Any attempt to sell or offer for sale any goods or services that could be construed as a commercial enterprise, unless approved by the Board or their designee.
- Use of any browser other than Internet Explorer.
- Users must respect the privacy of others. Users shall not read, delete, copy, modify, or reveal data of other network users.

Discipline

Student discipline for violation of any part of these rules and procedures shall be based on the student's age and the severity of the infraction. Student discipline may involve actions up to and including termination of privileges, suspension, and/or expulsion. Perpetrators or their parents/guardians may be billed for damages to equipment. Illegal activities will be referred to the appropriate law enforcement agency. The district Technology Staff reserves the right to terminate network access to any student if deemed necessary.

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[1] Technology equipment includes but not limited to pcs (mouse, keyboard, monitor, speakers, case, etc), laptops, calculators, projectors, cameras, multimedia projectors, printers, scanners, vcrs, dvd players, etc.

[2] Mass storage devices includes but not limited to pen drives, flash drives, usb keys, key drives, mp3 players, hard drives, thumb drives, cds, dvds, floppy disks, zips, etc.

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Student's name _____   Grade _____

(please print)

I understand that my computer use is not private and that NISD will monitor my activity on the computer system. I have read NISD's Acceptable Use Policy for Technology and agree to abide by their provisions. I understand that the violation of these provisions may result in suspension or revocation of system access.

Student's signature _____   Date _____

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I have read NISD's Acceptable Use Policy for Technology. In consideration for the privilege of my child using NISD's technology, and in consideration for having access to the public networks, I hereby release NISD, its operators, and any institutions with which they are affiliated from any and all claims and damages of any nature arising from my child's use of, or inability to use, the system, including, without limitation, the type of damages identified in NISD's policy .

Parent's signature _____   Date _____

_____ I do give permission for my child to use the Internet.

_____ I do **NOT** give permission for my child to use the Internet.