

EL DORADO SCHOOL DISTRICT INTERNET SAFETY POLICY AND GOOGLE APP ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY (4.29)

The following is a contract between the student, parent or guardian, and the school system. Please read carefully before signing.

Use of technology, including the El Dorado School District (ESD) network, is a privilege, not a right. Access to, and use of the network and technology connected to the network are guided by values that include honesty, integrity, responsibility, ethical behavior, and mutual respect. Accordingly, users of ESD technology are prohibited from actions that are dishonest, unhind (such as personal attacks and invasion of privacy), illegal (such as libel, slander, vandalism, sexual harassment, theft, unauthorized access), immoral, unethical, or in other ways inappropriate. Users are expected and required to comply with all State, Local, and Federal laws as well as ESD policies outlined in student, faculty, and staff handbooks. The District has taken available precautions, including but not limited to enforcing the use of filters that block access to obscenity, child pornography and other materials harmful to minors.

It is all staff members' responsibility to educate students about appropriate online behavior, including interactions with other individuals on social networking sites/chat rooms, and cyber bullying awareness and response.

Electronic communications need to be free of offensive or disruptive images or messages, including, but not limited to, sexual implications, racial slurs, or any other communication which offensively address gender, age, sexual orientation, religious or political beliefs, national origin, or disability. This policy applies to any use of the ESD network to interact with any social networking site or communication software. Uses of technology including the ESD network in negative or derogatory ways are in violation of ESD's policies and rules of conduct.

Educational Purpose

ESD's computers, network resources, and related technologies are provided for educational and school-related purposes. ESD has the right to place restrictions on the material accessed or posted through the system. While using technology at ESD, all community members are expected to obey the law, treat all computer equipment with care and respect, and help enforce this Acceptable Use Policy with others.

Google Apps for Education

ESD offers students, faculty, and staff a free educational suite of applications for use to enhance teaching and learning. Google Apps is a concept known as "cloud computing" where services and storage are provided over the Internet. In order for Users to gain access to Gmail and his/her Educational Google Applications account on the Internet, ESD must obtain parental permission for a minor under the age of 18 years. Students, faculty and staff 18 years and older are also required to acknowledge and accept ESD's terms and conditions prior to obtaining access to technology within our schools. Under both circumstances, this may be accomplished by completing this Acceptable Use Policy (AUP). By signing this document, you consent to these terms and conditions.

Prohibited Actions

Slander and Libel: No allowances will be made for harmful and false statements.

Vandalism: Malicious use of, or deliberate attempts to damage the hardware, software, or information on the network or any computer system connected to the ESD network violates this policy. Malicious activity and vandalism includes, but is not limited to, attempting to violate the integrity of private accounts, files, or programs; deliberately infecting the network with malicious software or viruses; and attempting to “hack” into any of the computers on the network by any means. Users issued any ESD-owned equipment accept responsibility for the safe handling and secure storage of that equipment for the length of its issuance.

Theft/Plagiarism: Information found in print and electronic resources need to be treated in the same way. Plagiarism will not be tolerated. Each user is responsible for complying with copyright laws and the rules and laws that govern intellectual property. Students, faculty, staff or subcontractors may not use ESD technology for illegal copying, storing, or disseminating illegally-acquired software/intellectual property. Impersonating another person online is a form of identity theft.

Harassment: Any form of harassment in cyberspace, often called cyberbullying, will not be permitted. Cyberbullying includes but is not limited to the following: harassing, teasing, intimidating, threatening, or terrorizing another person by sending or posting inappropriate and hurtful email messages, instant messaging, text messages, images, or web-site postings (including “blogs” and social media). Members of the ESD community who feel that they are victims of such technology misuse should not erase the offending material from the system. They should print out a copy of the material and report the incident immediately to the appropriate Divisioni Director or the Technology Coordinator. All reports of harassment in cyberspace, on campus and off-campus will be investigated fully.

Limitation of Liability

ESD makes no guarantee that the technology functions or the services provided by or through the school will be error-free or without defect. ESD is not responsible for any damage you may suffer, including, but not limited to, loss of data or interruptions of service, the accuracy or quality of the information obtained through or stored on the system, and financial obligations arising through the unauthorized use of the system.

Consequences for Inappropriate Behavior

Any misuse of any technology at ESD may result in revoke rights, disabled access, disciplinary action, or expulsion and termination, as determined by administrators.

As a student I agree to the following terms and conditions:

- I will not use the Internet for transmission of any materials in violation of any federal or state regulations. Transmission of copyrighted material, threatening or obscene materials, materials protected by trade secrets, product advertisement or political lobbying is also prohibited.
- I will refrain from using profanity and vulgarities on the Internet. I will not use the Internet for illegal activities.
- I will not give my home address, location of my school, phone number or any personal information about myself, any other student or school personal to anyone via the Internet.
- I understand that use of email or any other communications over the Internet are not private; any messages related to or in support of illegal activities may be reported to authorities.
- I understand that I am prohibited from conducting any actions that may endanger my safety, the safety of other students, or staff members while using any component of the school's internet access and/or network (email, chat rooms, etc.).
- The school system and service provider are not responsible for any damages or losses resulting from using Internet services or information obtained from the Internet.
- If you discover any way to access unauthorized information or defeat any security measures you must inform the teacher immediately. You must not share any unauthorized information with any other user.
- Vandalism of any kind is prohibited.
- These terms and conditions shall be governed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the state and the United States of America.
- I understand access to the Internet through the El Dorado School District is a privilege. School authorities can deny any student access to the Internet at any time, and their decisions are final.

My instructor/teacher has explained the terms and conditions for using the Internet to me and I agree to abide by them.

Student's Signature: _____

Date: _____

I have read the above terms and conditions and understand that violation of these can result in denial of Internet privileges. I also agree to not hold the school, state and local boards of education or the Internet provider responsible for the consequences resulting from the violation of these terms and conditions by the student.

Parent/Guardian's

Signature: _____ Date: _____