

ECISD ACCEPTABLE USE AND INTERNET SAFETY POLICY FOR STUDENT USE OF DISTRICT TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES

For instructional and/or administrative purposes, East Chambers Independent School District ("ECISD" or "District") may make District technology resources available for student use. As used in this policy, "technology resources" means electronic communication systems, including, but not limited to, internet access, and electronic equipment, including, but not limited to, District computers.

Student access to District technology resources will not begin until this form is signed and returned to the student's campus. By signing this form, you acknowledge that you have read and understood the contents of this policy, and that you agree to the following terms and conditions governing student use of District technology resources:

- Students shall use District technology resources primarily for approved instructional and administrative purposes. ECISD may allow limited personal use of District technology resources, provided that such use: (1) imposes no tangible cost on the District; (2) does not unduly burden any District technology resources; and (3) has no adverse effect on any student's academic performance.
- Access to District technology resources is a privilege, not a right. ECISD does not guarantee the availability of District technology resources and reserves the right to suspend or revoke any student's access to District technology resources at any time, for any reason or no reason, without notice.
- Students shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations, the ECISD Student Handbook and Student Code of Conduct, and all ECISD Board Policies, including, but not limited to ECISD Board Policies CQ (Legal), CQ (Local), and FFI (Local), when using District technology resources. Noncompliance may result in suspension or revocation of access or other disciplinary action consistent with District policies and the Student Code of Conduct, up to and including expulsion. Violations of law may be reported to the appropriate authorities, in ECISD's sole discretion, and may result in criminal prosecution.
- Among other things, students are prohibited from:
 - Using District technology resources for transmission of any content in violation of state or federal law, including, but not limited to, copyrighted material or trade secrets and product or political advertising;
 - Disclosing, using, and disseminating, without authorization, personally identifiable information regarding any student, including, but not limited to, home address, telephone number, or location of the school;
 - Engaging in conduct that may endanger the safety of any student or ECISD staff member;
 - Possessing, sending, forwarding, posting, accessing, or displaying electronic messages that are abusive, obscene, sexually oriented, threatening, harassing, damaging to another's reputation, vulgar, profane, or illegal (this prohibition also applies to conduct off school property, whether the equipment used to send such messages is district-owned or personally owned, if it results in a substantial disruption to the educational environment);
 - Taking, disseminating, transferring, possessing, or sharing obscene, sexually oriented, lewd, or otherwise illegal images or other content, commonly referred to as "sexting;" and
 - Engaging in conduct that results in a breach of the District's computer security.
- ECISD does not guarantee the accuracy, age appropriateness, or usability of any content accessed while using District technology resources. In order to protect minors against access to visual depictions that are obscene, child pornography, or harmful to minors, and protect adults against access to visual depictions that are obscene or child pornography, the District employs technology protection measures, including filtering devices and/or software to block access to unlawful or inappropriate material. Students may not tamper with or disable any technology protection measures and are prohibited from intentionally accessing any content without authorization or exceeding their authorization to access any content, including, but not limited to, hacking or other unlawful activities. Immediately upon discovering any breach of ECISD's technology resources or inappropriate content/material (including communications), students shall notify a District representative. Students shall not share any unauthorized content accessed with any other student.

- Student use of District technology resources, including, but not limited to, any online activity, is not private and shall be monitored by the District to ensure appropriate use. ECISD staff members may also monitor student use of District technology resources.
- ECISD will educate students about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking web sites and in chat rooms and cyberbullying awareness and response, in one or more of the following manners:
 - Conducting training sessions with individual students or a group of students;
 - Providing students with written materials; and
 - Directing students to resources such as the Texas Education Agency’s Internet Safety website at <https://tea.texas.gov/academics/learning-support-and-programs/technology-resources/internet-safety> or the Before You Text Program at <https://txssc.txstate.edu/tools/courses/before-you-text/>.
- ECISD may maintain any records related to student use of District technology resources in accordance with the District’s records retention policy and other applicable policy or law.
- ECISD is not liable for students’ inappropriate use of District technology resources, violations of copyright restrictions or other laws, students’ mistakes or negligence in using District technology resources, or costs incurred by students in using District technology resources.