

Waskom Independent School District
STUDENT COMPUTER USE AGREEMENT

Each school year, every student and his/her parent/legal guardian will be required to sign this "Student Computer Use Agreement." This Agreement is for the 2015-2016 school year.

Computer use is a valuable resource for a student's education. Student use of the School District's computer system is a privilege and not a right, which may be authorized as well as withdrawn. Although student use of the School District's computer system at school will be supervised by school staff, the School District cannot guarantee that students will not gain access to inappropriate material. The School District encourages parents/legal guardians to have a discussion with their students about values and how those beliefs should guide student activities while using the School District's computers, networks, e-mail services, and Internet access. Use of the School District's computers, networks, e-mail services, and Internet access is subject to the terms and conditions which includes, but is not limited to, the following:

1. Student Personal Safety:

- a. When using the school's e-mail services and Internet access, students should not disclose personal information such as home addresses, home telephone numbers, social security numbers, etc.
- b. Students may use school e-mail services and Internet access only for teacher-directed educational activities.
- c. Students may use school e-mail services and Internet access only when authorized.
- d. Student may use school e-mail services and Internet access only when supervised.

2. Prohibited Activities:

- a. Students shall not use the School District's computer system to engage in any illegal activities, such as: harassment; discrimination; defamation; threatening or violent communications and behavior; infringement of copyright or trademark laws; offering for sale, purchase, or use of any prohibited or illegal substances; etc.
- b. Students shall not damage or disrupt the School District's computer system.
- c. Students shall not gain, or attempt to gain, unauthorized access to other computers or the School District's computer system.
- d. Students shall not plagiarize works or violate copyright or trademark laws.

3. Inappropriate Conduct:

The following are prohibited in public, private, or posted messages or files:

- a. Any inappropriate communications with other students or anyone else that is obscene, profane, lewd, vulgar, belligerent, inflammatory, or threatening.
- b. Potentially damaging, dangerous, or disruptive material.

- c. Personal or generalized attacks or harassment.
- d. False or defamatory information.

4. Inappropriate Access to Material:

- a. The School District's computer system shall not be used to access material that is obscene, pornographic, sexually explicit, sexually suggestive, harmful, or otherwise inappropriate.
- b. Inadvertent inappropriate access should be reported promptly to the student's teacher or principal.

5. No Expectation of Privacy:

Students have no expectation of privacy in files, disks, documents, etc., which have been created in, entered in, stored in, downloaded from, or used on the School District's computer system.

6. Violations and Discipline:

- a. In the event there is an allegation that a student has violated policy, the student will receive notice of the alleged violation and an opportunity to present an explanation.
- b. In the event of a violation of policy, appropriate disciplinary action may be taken in accordance with established Board policies and administrative procedures, including losing computer use privileges, suspension, and expulsion.

I acknowledge that I have read and understood the terms and conditions of this Agreement and hereby agree to abide by and comply with all of the said terms and conditions.

Student's Printed Name: _____

Student's Grade: _____

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Student's Grade: _____

Student's Signature: _____

As the parent/legal guardian of this student, I have read and understood the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement and hereby grant my permission for this student to use the School District's computers, networks, e-mail services, and Internet access.

I understand that from time-to-time the school may wish to publish examples of student projects, photographs of students, and other work on an Internet accessible World Wide Web server.

Please make your selections and sign below.

_____ My child's picture may be published on the Internet.

_____ I would prefer that my child's picture not be published on the Internet.

_____ My child's work may be published on the Internet.

_____ I would prefer that my child's work not be published on the Internet.

_____ Do you have access to the Internet at home?

Parent's/Legal Guardian's
Signature: _____

Date: _____