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Fort Sam Houston Independent School District
Student Acceptable Use Policy for Technology Resources

To prepare students for an increasingly technological society, the district has made an investment in the use of district-owned technology resources for instructional purposes; specific resources may be issued individually to students. Use of these technological resources, which include the district's network systems and use of district equipment, is restricted to approved purposes only. Students and parents will be asked to sign a user agreement regarding use of these district resources. Violations of this the user agreement may result in withdrawal of privileges and other disciplinary action.

Unacceptable and Inappropriate Use of Technology Resources

- Students are prohibited from sending or, posting, accessing, or displaying electronic messages that are abusive, obscene, sexually oriented, threatening, harassing, damaging to another's reputation, or illegal.
- This prohibition 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.
- Any person taking, disseminating, transferring, or sharing obscene, sexually oriented, lewd, or otherwise illegal images or other content, commonly referred to as "sexting," will be disciplined according to the Student Code of Conduct and may, in certain circumstances, be reported to law enforcement.

Safety of Self and Others

- Students should report to their teachers or other school personnel any message received that is inappropriate or makes them uncomfortable;
- Students should not reveal personal information about themselves or others or agree to meet with someone they met online without parental knowledge and participation;
- Students must use appropriate language for the educational environment and for the educational activity in which they are currently involved (no swearing, vulgarity, ethnic or racial slurs, or any other inflammatory or threatening language);

Access and Uses

- Students may not send messages under a false identity;
- Students may not access e-mail, files, and/or other documents of other users without permission;
- Students may not access websites that contain inappropriate or illegal material, including those that contain content that is pornographic or sexual in nature, from any computer or other technological device on school property;
- Students may not use the internet for financial gain, political or commercial activity; or use the system for illegal purposes or any other activity prohibited by District policy.
- Students may not use the system for purchasing products or services

Copyright Laws

- Students must comply and be aware of all copyright laws and follow the copyright laws.

System Security

- Students may not attempt to harm equipment, materials, or data;
- Students may not knowingly infect a computer or network with a virus;
- Students should always report any violations of the FSHISD Acceptable Use Guidelines to a teacher or administrator.

Personal Electronic Devices

In some cases, students may find it beneficial or might be encouraged to use personal telecommunications or other personal electronic devices for instructional purposes while on campus. Students must obtain parental permission before using personal telecommunications or other personal electronic devices for instructional use (see AUP Consent Form).

- When students are not using the devices for approved instructional purposes, all devices must be turned off during the instructional day. Violations of the user agreement may result in withdrawal of privileges and other disciplinary action.
- The possession and use of laptops, pagers, PDAs, pocket computers, cell phones, cameras, and other electronic communications devices by a student of FSHISD on school property or at school-related events is a privilege and not a right.
- Students must adhere to the Acceptable Use Policy outlined above when using these devices.
- Data transferred using the school district's network is filtered to follow the requirements of the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA). If a student uses another network on their personal device (AT&T 3G or Verizon, for example), the district is unable to filter or monitor its use.
- The District will not provide technical support for these devices.
- Classroom teachers will establish standards for both school-issued and personal device use in their respective classrooms.
- If a student uses a personal electronic device in an inappropriate manner, they will lose their privilege of bringing the device to school. Additional consequences may be imposed based on the Student Conduct Code.
- The District reserves the right to examine personal electronic devices and search its contents, if there is a reason to believe that school policies, regulations, or guidelines have been violated.

Consequences for Inappropriate Use of School Owned or Personal Technology Resources

- Suspension of access to the District's Electronic Communications System;
- Revocation of the District's Electronic Communications System account(s); and/ or
- Other appropriate disciplinary or legal action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct and applicable laws.

Cole High School One to One Netbook Learning Environment

Students of Robert G. Cole High School are issued a netbook computer for their educational use. With acceptance of the netbooks, both Cole High School students and their parents take on certain responsibilities. Acceptance of and adherence to these responsibilities will result in a rich technologically-enhanced learning environment for all involved.

It is our belief that if reasonable precautions and care are taken in the use of the netbook, it should not experience physical damage. Optional insurance is offered for protection of the devices. Every year, each student and parent will be asked to sign a separate Parent/Student Netbook Agreement Form that will be provided prior to issuance of the netbooks.

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