

Internet Acceptable Use Guidelines (AUG) for Students

The Conroe Independent School District makes a variety of communications and information technologies available to students through network/internet access. These technologies, when properly used, promote education excellence in the District by facilitating resource sharing, innovation and communication. Illegal, unethical or inappropriate use of these technologies can have dramatic consequences, harming the District, its students, and its employees. These Acceptable Use Guidelines are intended to minimize the likelihood of such harm by educating CISD students and parents and setting standards which will serve to protect students.

Parents and students should realize that with this educational opportunity comes responsibility. As much as possible, access from school to Internet resources will be structured in ways that point students to those resources that have been evaluated prior to use. While students will be able to move beyond those resources to others that have not been previewed by staff, they will be provided with guidelines and lists of resources particularly suited to learning objectives.

CISD uses a web filter to manage access to various inappropriate locations. However, even with a filter, there may still be sites accessible via the internet that contain materials that are illegal, defamatory,

inaccurate or controversial. Although the District will attempt to limit access to objectionable material by using software, controlling all materials on the Internet is impossible.

Students may be provided email and Internet accounts. Students are responsible for not sharing the password of their account with others. CISD accounts are to be used only for identified educational purposes. Students and parents should be aware that the District monitors all use and communication on its computer system. No communication on the system is private.

Students are held responsible at all times for the proper use of their account. The District may suspend or revoke a student account if District rules are violated. The following standards will apply to all users of the Network/Internet. Network/Internet access is available to students in the Conroe Independent School District as a privilege, not a right.

The expectations of the District are that all network users will comply with the following rules:

Inappropriate uses:

- Using the system for any illegal purpose.
- Disabling or attempting to disable any Internet filtering device.
- Encrypting communications to avoid security review.
- Borrowing someone's account without permission.
- Unauthorized use of chat rooms.
- Posting personal information about yourself or others (*such as addresses and phone numbers*).
- Downloading or using copyrighted information without permission from the copyright holder.
- Intentionally introducing a virus to the computer system.
- Posting messages or accessing materials that are abusive, obscene, sexually oriented, threatening, harassing, damaging to another's reputation, or illegal.
- Wasting school resources through the improper use of the computer system.
- Gaining unauthorized access to restricted information or resources.

The following consequences may result from inappropriate use:

- Suspension of access to the system;
- Revocation of the computer system account; or
- Other disciplinary or legal action, in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct and applicable laws. For example if a student sends a threatening email at school, it will be treated as though the student made the threat in person at school.

The full text of the District's policies relating to electronic communications can be found at: [http://www.tasb.org/policy/pol/private/170902/pol.cfm?DisplayPage=CQ\(LOCAL\).pdf](http://www.tasb.org/policy/pol/private/170902/pol.cfm?DisplayPage=CQ(LOCAL).pdf)