

RESPONSIBLE USE POLICY (R.U.P.) FOR THE DISTRICT ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

(Computers/Internet Access)

You are being given access to the District's Electronic Communications System. Through this system, you will have access to hundreds of databases, libraries, and computer services all over the world, and depending on your grade level, you will be able to communicate with other schools, colleges, organizations, and people around the world. While the District is required by federal law to use technology protection measures to limit access to material considered harmful or inappropriate to students, it may not be possible for us to absolutely prevent access. Despite our best efforts and beyond the limits of filtering technology, you or your child may run across some material you or your child might find objectionable. As such, with this educational opportunity also comes responsibility on the part of students to use technology and the District's Electronic Communications System responsibly.

EXPECTATIONS FOR RESPONSIBLE USE -

DO...

- *Respect the Potential of Technology to Better Society* - Use the District's Electronic Communications System to discover, explore, and share ideas that contribute to the betterment of you, your community, and society as a whole.
- *Respect One's Self* - Select online names that are appropriate and consider carefully the information and images you post, consume and/or share online: Avoid inappropriate and/or malicious sites, continually assess the validity and value of information found on the Internet or via social networking, and share information in a thoughtful and responsible way.
- *Respect Others* - Refrain from using technologies to bully, tease or harass other people, and from photographing or video recording others without their express permission.
- *Respect Institutional Expectations* - Abide by all expectations outlined in the LISD Student Code of Conduct, campus Student Handbooks, and this Responsible Use Policy.
- *Respect Intellectual Property* - Cite appropriately any and all use of websites, books, media, etc., and request the use of software and media others produce.

INAPPROPRIATE USES -

DO NOT...

The District's Electronic Communications System is property of the District, and is for district use only. The district reserves the right to monitor, intercept, record and review all communications within the district's network or email system. Deleted files can be undeleted. Do not send messages that are abusive, threatening, harassing, obscene, sexually oriented, discriminatory, damaging to another's reputation, illegal, false or contain profanity. Do not send chain letters, virus warnings, urban legends or other unsubstantiated scares. Do not use the system or district website for commercial purposes, financial gain, political lobbying, expressing personal opinions, posting personal information about yourself or others (such as addresses and phone numbers), or any illegal purposes. *Do not open attachments if the sender is unknown.*

DO NOT...

Do not abuse or misuse the computer, the network or the programs in any way. This includes intentionally or unintentionally disabling or attempting to disable any Internet filtering device, encrypting communications to avoid security review, wasting resources, downloading music, movies, and entertainment media during school hours, playing online games, creating or printing inappropriate materials, printing excessive quantities, tampering with computer parts, erasing programs or others' files, introducing viruses, attempting to gain unauthorized access to restricted information or resources, and/or modifying settings without permission. Do not install or download software that has not been approved by the Lampasas ISD Technology department. This includes downloading software from any media such as a flash drive, CD, or DVD.

CONSEQUENCES FOR INAPPROPRIATE USE

Inappropriate system use may result in suspension or revocation of access to the District's Electronic Communications System and/or additional disciplinary or legal action, in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct and applicable laws.

*** Unless the campus administration receives a written request to deny access, your student(s) will be given access to the District's Electronic Communication System, including computer and internet access.**

Specifically, STUDENTS and PARENTS & GUARDIANS agree and acknowledge that: student computer use is not private and that the District will monitor student activity on the computer system; that they have read the Responsible Use Policy and agree to abide by its provisions and any others pertaining to Technology described in the Student Code of Conduct and the campus Student Handbook; and that violation of these provisions may result in suspension or revocation of system access.

Additionally, PARENTS & GUARDIANS agree and acknowledge that they: hereby release the District, its operators, and any institutions with which they are affiliated from any and all claims and damages of any nature arising from my child's use of, or inability to use, the system, including, without limitation, the type of damages identified in the District's policy and administrative regulations.