

Mumford ISD

Student Agreement for Acceptable Use of the District's Technology Resources

Policy CQ

You are being given access to the District-provided technology resources listed below.

With this educational opportunity comes responsibility. It is important that you and your parent read the applicable District policies, administrative regulations, and agreement form, and contact Flavio Saucedo at 979-279-3678 if you have questions. Inappropriate use of the District's technology resources may result in revocation or suspension of the privilege to use these resources, as well as other disciplinary or legal action, in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct and applicable laws.

The following guidelines apply to all District networks, e-mail accounts, devices connected to the District's networks, and all District-owned devices used on or off school property, whether connected to the District's network or connected through a personal data plan or other means of access.

Additionally, the District prohibits bullying or harassment through electronic means regardless of the device used, the network used, or the location of use. [See District policies FFH and FFI.]

You are being given access to the following technology resources:

- District computer hardware, software, and printers on your school campus;
- District networks, accounts, and document storage space;
- District-filtered Internet access.

Please note that the Internet is a network of many types of communication and information networks. It is possible that you may run across areas of adult content and some material you (or your parent) might find objectionable. While the District will use filtering technology to restrict access to such material, it is not possible to absolutely prevent such access.

The individual in whose name a system account is issued will be responsible at all times to follow the rules for its proper use.

Rules for Responsible Use

- District technology resources are primarily for instructional and educational purposes. Limited personal use is allowed only if the rules in this agreement are followed and the use does not interfere with school work.
- Physical technology resources (i.e. Chromebooks, calculators, et al) are to be used responsibly and any misuse or intentional damage will incur a fee or penalty as listed here and in the Mumford ISD Student Handbook.
- If you are issued your own account and password, you must not share your account information with another person.
- You must remember that people who receive e-mail or other communication from you through your school account might think your message represents the school's point of view.
- You must always keep your personal information and the personal information of others private. This includes names, addresses, photographs, or any other personally identifiable or private information.
- Students will not download or sign up for any online resource or application without prior approval from their teacher or other District administrator.
- Students age 13 or younger will not sign up for individual accounts, but will use a District or classroom account as applicable.
- When communicating through e-mail or other electronic means, you must use appropriate language and etiquette as you would when communicating face to face. Always be respectful.
- You must be sure to acknowledge the work and ideas of others when you reference them in your own work.
- You must immediately report any suspicious behavior or other misuse of technology to your teacher or other campus administrator.
- You will be held responsible at all times for the proper use of your account, and the District may suspend or revoke your access if you violate the rules.
- Real-time discussions, such as in a chat room and instant messaging may only be used for academic purposes under the direct supervision of a teacher.

Inappropriate Use

The following are examples of inappropriate use of technology resources that may result in loss of privileges or disciplinary action:

- Using the resources for any illegal purpose, including threatening school safety;
- Accessing the resources to knowingly alter, damage, or delete District property or information, or to breach any other electronic equipment, network, or electronic communications system in violation of the law or District policy;

- Damaging electronic communications systems or electronic equipment, including knowingly or intentionally introducing a virus to a device or network, or not taking proper security steps to prevent a device or network from becoming vulnerable;
- Disabling or attempting to disable or bypass any Internet filtering device;
- Using someone's account without permission;
- Pretending to be someone else when posting, transmitting, or receiving messages;
- Attempting to read, delete, copy, modify, or interfere with another user's posting, transmission, or receipt of electronic media;
- Using resources to engage in conduct that harasses or bullies others;
- Sending, posting, or possessing materials that are abusive, obscene, pornographic, sexually oriented, threatening, harassing, damaging to another's reputation, or illegal, including material that constitutes cyberbullying and "sexting;"
- Using inappropriate language such as cursing, vulgarity, ethnic or racial slurs, and any other inflammatory language;
- Posting personal information about yourself or others, such as addresses, phone numbers, or photographs, without permission, or responding to requests for personally identifiable information or contact from unknown individuals;
- Any malicious attempt to harm or destroy District equipment or data of another user of the District's system, or any of the agencies or other networks that are connected to the Internet is prohibited;
- Deliberate attempts to degrade or disrupt system performance are violations of District policy and administrative regulations and may constitute criminal activity under applicable state and federal laws. Such prohibited activity includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creating computer viruses;
- Vandalism as defined above will result in the cancellation of system use privileges and will require restitution for costs associated with the system restoration, as well as other appropriate consequences.
- Making appointments to meet in person people met online; if a request for such a meeting is received, it should be immediately reported to a teacher or administrator;
- Violating others' intellectual property rights, including downloading or using copyrighted information without permission from the copyright holder;
- Wasting school resources through the improper use of the District's technology resources, including sending spam; and
- Downloading unauthorized applications or software or gaining unauthorized access to restricted information or resources.

Reporting Violations

- You must immediately report to a supervising teacher or the technology coordinator any known violation of the District's applicable policies, cybersecurity plan, Internet safety plan, or responsible-use guidelines.
- You must report to a supervising teacher or the technology coordinator any requests for personally identifiable information or contact from unknown individuals, as well as any content or communication that is abusive, obscene, pornographic, sexually oriented, threatening, harassing, damaging to another's reputation, or illegal.

Termination/Revocation of System User Account

The District may suspend or revoke a system user's access to the District's system upon violation of District policy and/or administrative regulations regarding acceptable use.

Termination of a user access will be effective on the date the principal or technology coordinator receives notice of student/staff withdrawal or resignation or of revocation of system privileges.

Google Apps for Education

Student's education records stored in Google Apps for Education may be accessible to someone other than the student and Mumford School District by virtue of this online environment. Information about students participating in Google Apps for Education, will be collected and stored electronically. Privacy policies associated with use of Google Apps for Education can be found here: (<https://policies.google.com/privacy?hl=en-US>). Parents may ask for their child's account to be removed at any time.

Disclaimer

The District's system is provided on an "as is, as available" basis. The District does not make any warranties, whether expressed or implied. The District does not warrant that the functions or services performed by, or that the information or software contained on, the system will meet the system user's requirements, or that the system will be uninterrupted or error-free, or that defects will be corrected.

Opinions, advice, services, and all other information expressed by system users, information providers, service providers, or other third party individuals in the system are those of the providers and not the District.

The District will cooperate fully with local, state, or federal officials in any investigation concerning or relating to misuses of the District's electronic communications system.