

*Internet and Computer Network Safety and Use*

The network is provided for students and staff to conduct research and communicate with others. Access is a privilege and entails responsibility. Individual users of the District computer networks are responsible for their behavior and communications over these networks. Independent access to Internet services is provided to District middle and high school students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner and whose parents have been notified of guidelines for student internet use. District elementary school students may access the Internet only under direct supervision of a staff member.

Users shall comply with District standards and honor the agreements they have signed or lose their access privilege. Inappropriate, unauthorized, and illegal use will result in the cancellation of those privileges and appropriate disciplinary action.

Electronic information available to students and staff does not imply endorsement of the content by the District, nor does the District guarantee the accuracy of information received on the Internet. The District shall not be responsible for any information that may be lost, damaged, or unavailable when using the Internet. The District shall not be responsible for any unauthorized charges or fees resulting from access to the Internet.

Since the network and network storage areas are District property or otherwise constitute District-leased storage capacity, network administrators may review and delete files, web browsing history and communications to maintain system integrity and ensure that users are using the system responsibly and in accordance with acceptable network use guidelines. Users should not expect that files or other electronic information stored on or available from District servers will always be private or secure.

Students and staff are expected to act in a responsible ethical and legal manner in accordance with District Policy 6190, accepted rules of network etiquette and Federal and State law. Specifically, the following are prohibited:

1. Use of the network to facilitate illegal activity.
2. Use of the network for commercial or for-profit purposes.
3. Use of the network for fundraising purposes, except for links approved by the principal to websites of school-related organizations/clubs.
4. Use of the network for non-school related or non-District employment related work on more than an incidental basis.
5. Use of the network for product advertisement or political lobbying.
6. Use of the network to transmit hate mail/speech, remarks deemed to constitute discriminatory conduct under other District policies, and objectionable, offensive or inflammatory communication.

7. Unauthorized or illegal installation, distribution, reproduction, or use of copyrighted materials.
8. Use of the network to access obscene or pornographic material.
9. Use of inappropriate language or profanity on the network.
10. Use of the network to intentionally obtain or modify files, passwords, and data belonging to other users.
11. Use of the network to disrupt the work of other users.
12. Impersonation of another user.
13. Sharing District password with, or allowing password to be used by, anyone else.
14. Loading or use of unauthorized games, programs, files, or other electronic media.
15. Destruction, modification, or abuse of network hardware and software.
16. Quoting personal communications in a public forum without the original author's prior consent.

References

Policy No. 4001 Equality of Opportunity in Employment

Policy No. 4330 Unlawful Harassment by and of TESD Employees

Policy No. 5420 Unlawful Harassment by and of Students

Policy No. 6141 Nondiscrimination of Students in School and Classroom Practices

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