

**INTERNET SAFETY AND TECHNOLOGY
ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY**

The Board of Education believes that the use of the Internet and other local and/or wide area networks by means of school provided technology or personal devices will further education by promoting the exchange of information and ideas by providing inter- district, state, national, and global opportunities for staff and students. Students will be able to access the Internet under the supervision of teachers and/or support staff. Individual student, employee accounts, and email addresses may be provided and the user may be permitted to use the address to send and receive email at school.

Since the Internet constitutes an unregulated collection of educational resources which change constantly, it is not possible to predict or control exactly what resources users may locate. While the school district utilizes an Internet Filter Service to prevent access to inappropriate websites and a Firewall to protect student data from intruders, the school district makes no guarantee of the accuracy of the information or the appropriateness of materials which a student may encounter. Students will be under teacher supervision; however, it is not possible to constantly monitor individual students and what they are accessing. Students and other users will refrain from unauthorized access, including 'hacking', as well as intentional access and download of any text, picture, or on-line conferencing that includes material which is considered to be obscene, libelous, indecent, vulgar, profane, or lewd; advertises any product or service to minors prohibited by law; presents a clear and present danger; or will cause the commission of unlawful acts or the violation of lawful school regulations. Users will not solicit or receive any information or service which could result in unauthorized expense to the district.

It is all staff members' responsibility to educate students about appropriate online behavior, including interactions with other individuals on social networking sites/chat rooms, and cyber-bullying awareness and response. This may be done in a variety of ways, such as once a year short training sessions, one-on-one education with individual students, and/or via educational handouts. It is also the responsibility of all staff members to monitor student's online activity for appropriate behavior.

Users will be courteous and polite. Messages will be concise and not abusive in content or language. Personal information should not be revealed. Records of Internet use will be considered confidential; however, users must be aware that any message or information posted on the Internet may be accessed by others for whom it is not intended. Downloaded materials will be deleted from the system on a regularly scheduled basis.

Google Workspace for Education offers third-party apps often used by teachers. These services may collect and use information in accordance with the third party's privacy policy and terms. The district will by default set their access to limited. Your signature gives parental consent allowing your minor child to use approved third-party services.

Users of the service/technology will respect all copyright and license agreements. Copyrighted software, pictures, or music will not be downloaded for use which violates copyright laws.

Students and employees must agree to adhere to the guidelines in this policy regarding appropriate use of the school network, Internet copyright laws, Internet etiquette, and fees (if any) incurred during the use of the services. An Internet/Technology Acceptable Use agreement will be signed by all persons wishing to use the services provided by the school district.

Violation of the Internet/Technology Acceptable Use Policy will result in forfeiture of all user privileges. Violators shall also be subject to appropriate disciplinary action. Pending investigation into a student/staff complaint of inappropriate use of the networks, user privileges will be suspended.

The district shall not be liable for users' inappropriate use of electronic communication resources or violations of copyright restrictions, users' mistakes or negligence, or costs incurred by users. The district shall not be responsible for ensuring the accuracy or usability of any information found on the Internet.

REFERENCE: 21 O.S. §1040.75..§1040.76

INTERNET/TECHNOLOGY ACCEPTABLE USE AGREEMENT

I, _____, understand and will abide by the Lone Star School District's terms and conditions for Internet access and technology use. I further understand that any violation of the regulations is unethical and may constitute a criminal offense. **Should I commit any violations, my access privileges may be revoked and school disciplinary and/or appropriate legal action may be taken.**

Student/User Signature

Date

Status: Student _____ Staff _____

Parent or Guardian: (If applicant is under 18 years of age, a parent or guardian must also read and sign this agreement.)
As the parent or guardian of this student. I have read the terms and conditions for Internet access and technology use. I understand that the school district is providing this access and equipment for educational purposes only and hereby give my permission to grant access for my child and will accept responsibility for supervision when my child is not in a school setting.

Parent/Guardian (please print) _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

This agreement is valid for the _____ school year only.

Grade _____ Homeroom Teacher _____