



**Terrell ISD Acceptable Use Policy
2020-2021 Student and Parent Acknowledgement Form**

Acceptable Use of District Technology Resources

Violation of computer use policies, rules, or agreements signed by the student or the student's parent may result in the student's access being suspended or having access completely revoked for a time period determined by District administration, as well as additional disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

[For more information see Policy CQ (LOCAL)].

1. The use of any technology (including, but not limited to, computers, network delivered services, the Internet, audio-visual equipment, televisions, and DVDs) must support the educational goals of Terrell Independent School District. Use must be authorized by a TISD staff member and must lie within the bounds of TISD curriculum.
2. Accessing or transmitting any material that is considered inappropriate or is in violation of any federal or state law is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to: copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material, or material protected by trade secrets.
3. Individual(s) involved in any of the following will be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the TISD Student Code of Conduct:
 - Unauthorized use of District technology for non-educational purposes or outside the bounds of TISD curriculum
 - Accessing, transmitting, copying, or creating material that violates the Student Code of Conduct
 - Accessing, transmitting, copying, or creating material that is inappropriate, illegal, copyrighted, pornographic or obscene, stolen, threatening, discriminatory, harassing, or offensive
 - Violating or infringing upon the intellectual property, copyrighted or trademarked rights of another
 - Plagiarism or use of District technology to engage in academic dishonesty 74
 - Attempts to bypass or disable the District's Internet filter or security systems or software
 - Attempts to access, alter, damage, or change network configuration, security, passwords, or individual accounts of another without written permission from the TISD Technology Department
 - Attempts to access or circumvent passwords or other security-related information of the District, students, or employees or upload or create computer viruses, including off school property if the conduct causes substantial disruption to the educational environment
 - Attempts to install unlicensed or unapproved software or technology on the network
 - Attempts to alter, destroy, hack, or disable District computer equipment, District data, the data of others, or other networks connected to the District's system, including off school property if the conduct causes a substantial disruption to the educational environment
 - Use of the Internet or other electronic communications to threaten District students, employees, or volunteers, including off school property if the conduct causes a substantial disruption to the educational environment
 - Sending or posting electronic messages that are abusive, profane, obscene, sexually oriented, threatening, harassing, damaging to another's reputation, or illegal, including off school property if the conduct causes substantial disruption to the educational environment
 - Use of e-mail or Web sites at school to encourage illegal behavior, engage in conduct that violates the Student Code of Conduct, or threatens school safety



4. TISD computers, the Internet, and other network-delivered services should not be used for personal, commercial, or financial gain or to otherwise conduct business that is unauthorized.
5. When placing, removing, or restricting access to specific databases or the Internet or other network-delivered services, school officials shall apply the same criteria for educational suitability used to evaluate all other educational resources.

Parents who have objections to the Internet or other network-delivered services may assume responsibility for imposing restrictions only on their child(ren). Any parent wishing to restrict his/her child's access to such service must provide the school with this restriction in writing by declining permission on the District's Acceptable Use Policy for Technology and Internet Parental Permission Form.

Unacceptable and Inappropriate Use of Technology Resources

Students are prohibited from possessing, sending, forwarding, posting, accessing, or displaying electronic messages that are abusive, obscene, sexually oriented, threatening, harassing, damaging to another's reputation, or illegal. This prohibition also applies to conduct off school property, whether the equipment used to send such messages is district-owned or personally owned, if it results in a substantial disruption to the educational environment.

Any person taking, disseminating, transferring, possessing, or sharing obscene, sexually oriented, lewd, or otherwise illegal images or other content, commonly referred to as "sexting," will be disciplined according to the Student Code of Conduct, may be required to complete an educational program related to the dangers of this type of behavior, and, in certain circumstances, may be reported to law enforcement. Because engaging in this type of behavior can lead to bullying or harassment, as well as possibly impede future endeavors of a student, we encourage you to review with your child ['Before You Text' Sexting Prevention Course](#), a state-developed program that addresses the consequences of engaging in inappropriate behavior using technology.

In addition, any student who engages in conduct that results in a breach of the district's computer security will be disciplined in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct, and, in some cases, the consequence may rise to the level of expulsion.

Acceptable Use Policy Parental Permission Form and Student Contract

The Terrell Independent School District (TISD) students are being provided access to and use of the Internet and other network information resources.

TISD understands that the Internet provides access to content, which could be highly objectionable and offensive and would not want students to view. We understand that the District's safeguards are a good faith effort to avoid undesirable or inappropriate access, but are not foolproof. We understand that access to these materials can occur even accidentally.

TISD understands also that if a student violates the TISD Acceptable Use Policy for Technology and the Internet that student will be held accountable and will be subject to:

1. Loss of access or revocation of privileges, and



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2. Additional disciplinary action may be determined by District administrators in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct, including suspension, DAEP placement, or expulsion depending on the severity of the incident.

In the case that a student accesses inappropriate information on the Internet or through a computer, that student is required to immediately report it to the supervising adult in the classroom or library.

In addition, any student who engages in conduct that results in a breach of the District's computer security will be disciplined in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct, and, in some cases, the consequence may rise to the level of expulsion.

By initialing and signing this form, you release TISD (and its employees and representatives) from and accept responsibility for any liability arising from or related to the student's use of the Internet and other networked information resources.

(If permission is denied, the student will not be permitted to utilize or access the Internet through District computers.)

I hereby agree to the above information

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

I hereby agree to the above information

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____