

## **ELECTRONIC DEVICES AND TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES**

### **MISD STUDENT ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY**

You are being given access to the District's technology resources, meaning electronic communication systems and electronic equipment. It is important that you read the applicable District policies and agreement form. [See policy CQ and provisions on use of electronic media in the student handbook] Please contact Dr. Sean Scott, Assistant Superintendent of Technology and Information Services at 817.299.1980, if you have questions or need help understanding this material.

Inappropriate use of the District's technology resources may result in suspension or revocation of the privilege of using these resources, as well as other disciplinary or legal action, in accordance with applicable District policies-and laws.

#### **As a user of the District's technology resources, you will be able to access:**

- An unlimited number of databases, libraries, and resources;
- The Internet and other electronic information systems/networks, which can be used to communicate with schools, colleges, organizations, and individuals around the world; and
- Shared electronic equipment, which may have stored temporary Internet and electronic files of other users.

Please note that the Internet is a network of many types of communication and information networks. It is possible that you may run across some material you 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. It will be your responsibility to follow the rules for appropriate use.

If you are being issued a District technology device that can be used off campus, you will be given additional materials addressing the proper use, care, and return of these devices.

#### **RULES FOR APPROPRIATE USE**

- You may be assigned an individual account for hardware and Internet access, and you are responsible for not sharing the password for that account with others.
- The account is to be used mainly for educational purposes, but some limited personal use is permitted.
- You must comply with the Student Handbook, Code of Conduct and Federal and State law.
- Remember that people who receive e-mail from you with a school address might think your message represents the school's point of view when using a district provided account.
- 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.
- Use of technology resources are not confidential and can be monitored at any time to ensure appropriate use.
- E-mail users are responsible for mailbox management including organization, cleaning, and compliance with records retention laws when using a district provided account.
- When using the device for instructional purposes while on campus, you must use the District's wireless Internet services and are prohibited from using a personal wireless service. The District's wireless network system must be disconnected from the device when the device is not being used for instructional purposes.

- When not using the device for instructional purposes while on campus, you must follow the rules and guidelines for noninstructional use as published in the student handbook. These require the device to be turned off.

### **INAPPROPRIATE USES**

- Using the resources for any illegal purpose.
- 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 communication 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 any Internet filtering device.
- Encrypting communications to avoid security review.
- 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, transmittal, 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 cyberbullying and "sexting."
- Using e-mail or Web sites to engage in or encourage illegal behavior or to threaten school safety
- Using inappropriate language such as swear words, vulgarity, ethnic or racial slurs, and any other inflammatory language
- Violating others' intellectual property rights, including downloading or using copyrighted information without permission from the copyright holder.
- Wasting school resources through improper use of the District's technology resources, including sending spam.
- Gaining unauthorized access to restricted information or resources.

### **CONSEQUENCES FOR INAPPROPRIATE USE**

- Suspension of access to the District's technology resources;
- Revocation of permission to use personal electronic devices for instructional purposes while on campus;
- Revocation of the account; or
- Other disciplinary or legal action, in accordance with the District's policies and applicable laws

### **REPORTING VIOLATIONS**

- You must immediately report any known violation of the District's applicable policies, Internet safety plan, or acceptable use guidelines to the technology coordinator.
- You must report requests for personally identifying information, as well as any content or communication that is abusive, obscene, pornographic, sexually oriented, threatening, harassing, damaging to another's reputation, or illegal to the technology coordinator.

**CIPA COMPLIANCE:** MISD is enforcing a policy of Internet safety for minors that includes monitoring the online activities of minors and the operation of a technology

protection measure with respect to any of its computers with Internet access that protects against access through such computers to visual depictions that are

- (I) obscene;
- (II) child pornography; or
- (III) harmful to minors; and

MISD is enforcing the operation of such technology protection measure during any use of such computers by minors.

As part of its Internet safety policy, Mansfield ISD is educating minors about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms and cyber bullying awareness and response. The K-8 Technology Applications curriculum framework is found on the MISD Educational Technology website at <http://edtech.mansfieldisd.org/>

### **Bring Your Own Device**

As part of this plan, MISD will now allow students the opportunity to bring their own personal mobile devices to school for educational purposes. With teacher approval, students may use their devices to access and save information from the Internet, collaborate with other learners and utilize the productivity tools available to them.

### ***Student Responsibility***

Mansfield ISD will provide you with the opportunity to use personal electronic devices for educational purposes. It will be your responsibility to follow the rules for safe and responsible use. Access to MISD's network is a privilege. If you fail to abide by these rules, you may be subject to the removal of this privilege and other consequences. You may bring your mobile device to school at your own risk. The District will not be held responsible for lost, stolen or misplaced devices.

### ***Safe Uses***

You must comply with the Mansfield ISD Student Acceptable Use Policy, as well as the following:

- Obey school rules concerning behavior and communication that apply to mobile device use.
- Do not share passwords or personal account information.
- Do not connect with people you do not know.
- Report any suspicious information to a trusted adult immediately.
- Set a password on your device(s).

*\*See MISD Student Acceptable Use Policy, which is the same in all MISD school handbooks.*

<http://www.mansfieldisd.org/schools/pdf/highschoolhandbook.pdf>

### ***Responsible Uses***

You must comply with the Mansfield ISD Student Acceptable Use Policy, as well as the following: