

El Paso Independent School District

NONSTUDENT
ACCEPTABLE USE AGREEMENT FOR INTERNET ACCESS

The Internet is an electronic highway connecting thousands of computers all over the world with millions of individual subscribers. Internet access is now available to employees, students, teachers, parents, VIPS (Volunteers in Public Schools) and administrators of El Paso ISD in campus libraries and some classrooms. One of our goals is to promote educational excellence in the El Paso Independent School District by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication.

Access to the District's electronic communications system, including the Internet, shall be made available to students, parents, VIPS, and employees exclusively for instructional and administrative purposes and in accordance with administrative regulations. Access to the District's electronic communications system is a privilege, not a right. Users need to be aware that the District computers are shared equipment and time limits may be imposed when people are waiting to use them.

It is expected that any person using these resources through an EPISD connection, accepts and abides by the following regulations:

1. No one may allow anyone else to use his personal password.
2. The individual in whose name an e-mail account is registered is responsible at all times for its proper use. Attempts to read, delete, copy or modify the electronic mail of other system users or deliberately interfering with the ability of other system users to send/receive electronic mail is prohibited. No one should represent him/herself as someone else by using another's account or forward personal material without prior consent of the originator. Forgery or attempted forgery of electronic mail messages is prohibited.
3. No one may access text or visual depictions (any picture, image, graphic image file, or other visual depiction) that are obscene and/or harmful to minors (appeals to a prurient interest; an actual or simulated sexual act or contact; and lacks serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value).
4. Users may not access or participate in chat rooms at any time.
5. Electronic mail transmissions and other use of the electronic communication system are not considered to be private and may be monitored at any time by designated District staff to ensure appropriate use. Messages dealing with illegal activities may be reported to the appropriate authority.
6. For the safety and privacy of the student, no student information in any form except directory information shall be posted on the Internet without express parental permission.

7. Users must respect the integrity of computing systems and abide by existing federal and state laws regarding electronic communication. These laws can carry penalties of up to 20 years in prison. This includes, but is not limited to, accessing secure and/or confidential information without authorization, divulging passwords, causing system malfunction, developing programs that harass other users, attempting to infiltrate a computer or computing system, the uploading or creation of computer viruses, knowingly bringing prohibited materials into the school's electronic environment and accessing indecent information. Malicious attempts to harm or destroy District equipment, materials, or data and deliberate attempts to degrade or disrupt system performance may be viewed as violations of District policy and administrative regulations and, possibly, as criminal activity under applicable state and federal laws.
8. Users must respect the legal protection provided by copyright laws to computer programs, articles, graphics and data. (See Board policies on copyright.) Users shall not copy anything that belongs to someone else without rewriting it in their own words and are reminded to give credit to the owner of the information.
9. Users may not use language that is abusive (harshly or coarsely insulting, containing curse words in any language or ethnic or racial slurs), profane (vulgar, irreverent toward God or sacred things, satanic), sexually offensive (sexual in nature, repugnant to the moral sense or good taste, sexual harassment), or threatening. Transmitting obscene messages or pictures is prohibited. Violators will be subject to loss of privileges on the District system, disciplinary action in accordance with District policies, and/or may be reported to the proper authorities.
10. Any expenses incurred as a result of Internet use is the responsibility of the user.
11. Access to the Internet is considered a privilege. Users should not waste school resources through improper use of the computer system. Anyone found using access in a way deemed inappropriate will be denied privileges. Noncompliance with applicable regulations may result in suspension or termination of privileges and other disciplinary action consistent with Board policy.

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(Please print.)

APPLICATION:

User's Name _____
(Last) (First)

Home Address _____ Apt. # _____

(City) (Zip) (Home Phone)

Please check the appropriate line:

I am an employee of El Paso Independent School District. _____

Assignment _____ Campus/Unit _____

I am a substitute. _____

I am a parent of an EPISD student at _____ School.

I am a volunteer in public schools. _____

ALL SHOULD FILL OUT THIS PORTION:

I understand and will abide by the El Paso ISD Acceptable Use Agreement for Internet Use. In return for the privilege of having access to the Internet through an EPISD connection, I hereby release the District, its operators, and any institutions with which they are affiliated from any and all claims and damages of any nature arising from my use of or inability to use the system, including without limitation, the type of damages identified in this document or the District's policy and administrative regulations. I further understand that any violation of the regulation is unethical and may constitute a criminal offense. Should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked, disciplinary action may be taken and/or appropriate legal action.

User Signature _____ Date ____ / ____ / ____

Building Principal's/Supervisor's Signature:

_____ Date ____ / ____ / ____

PLEASE RETURN TO PRINCIPAL'S/SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE.