

## Eanes Independent School District

### Acceptable Use Guidelines for Technology (“AUG”)

You are being given access to the Eanes Independent School District’s electronic communications system. Through this system, you will be able to communicate with other schools, colleges, organizations, and people around the world through the Internet and other electronic information systems/networks. You will have access to hundreds of databases, libraries, and computer services all over the world.

With this opportunity comes responsibility. It is important that you read the District Acceptable Use Guidelines (“AUG”), ask questions if you need help in understanding them, and sign the agreement form. It will be your responsibility to follow the rules for appropriate use. Inappropriate system use will result in the loss of the privilege of using this educational and administrative tool.

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 Eanes ISD 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. NOTE: Your computer use and, if applicable, text messaging with District provided resources, are not private and may be viewed by district officials. The District may monitor your activity on the District’s computer system.

#### ACCEPTABLE USE

Any use described below is deemed “acceptable” and consistent with the Eanes ISD Acceptable Use Guidelines for Technology. The final decision regarding whether any given use of the network or Internet is acceptable lies with the Superintendent or designee.

- Use is mainly for educational purposes, but some limited personal use is permitted. (Remember that people who receive e-mail from you with a District address might mistakenly infer that your message represents the District’s point of view)
- Use furthers the educational and administrative purposes, goals, and objectives of Eanes ISD
- Use is limited to your own individual account - you and only you should use that account. You should not share your password with others.
- Use furthers research related to education and instruction
- Use does not violate the student code of conduct or employee standards of conduct

#### UNACCEPTABLE USE

Any of the following uses is deemed “unacceptable” and a violation of the Eanes ISD Acceptable Use Guidelines for Technology. The final decision regarding whether any given use of the network or Internet is acceptable lies with the Superintendent or designee.

#### **Disciplinary action may be taken for unacceptable use of the network or Internet.**

- Unauthorized use of copyrighted material, including violating district software licensing agreements (See EFE)
- Sending or posting electronic messages that are abusive, obscene, sexually oriented, threatening, harassing, damaging to another’s reputation, or illegal
- Use of technology resources such as chat rooms, social sites, and games in a manner that causes disruption to the educational program

- Use of school technology resources to encourage illegal behavior or threaten school safety
- Personal, political use to advocate for or against a candidate, office-holder, political party, or political position. Research or electronic communications regarding political issues or candidates shall not be a violation when the activity is to fulfill an assignment for class credit.
- Use of any means to disable or bypass the district's Internet filtering system or other security systems
- Attempting to destroy, disable or gain access to district computer equipment, district data, the data of other users, or other networks connected to the district's system, including uploading or creating computer viruses
- Encrypting communications or files to avoid security review
- Posting personal information about yourself or others (such as addresses and phone numbers) other than as needed to conduct school operations
- Forgery of electronic mail messages or transmission of unsolicited junk e-mail
- Use related to commercial activities or for commercial gain
- Use that violates the student code of conduct or employee standards of conduct, or is unlawful
- Wasting school resources through the improper use of the computer system

CONSEQUENCES FOR  
INAPPROPRIATE USE

One or more of the following consequences may be imposed:

- Suspension of access to the system
- Revocation of the computer system account
- Other action, including disciplinary action, in accordance with Board policy and/or the Student Code of Conduct (as applicable)