

Ysleta Independent School District Student 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 available to students, teachers, and administrators of the Ysleta Independent School District. Since it is a constantly changing, fluid environment, school library media specialists and teachers have a professional responsibility to work together to help students develop the intellectual skills needed to discriminate among information sources, to identify information appropriate to their age and developmental levels, and to evaluate and use information to meet their education goals. One of our goals is to promote educational excellence in the Ysleta Independent School District by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and electronic communication.

Access to the Ysleta's electronic communications system, including the Internet, shall be made available to students, parents, and employees. Access to the Network is a privilege, not a right.

Any person using these resources through a District connection must accept and abide by the following policies:

1. Students may not allow anyone else to use their personal password.
2. Students must respect the rights of other individuals and not use language that is abusive (harshly or coarsely insulting, containing cursing 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.
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. Students may not access or participate in chat rooms at any time. If the curriculum mandates the use of a supervised chat room, chat rooms may be allowed if the chat room is monitored on-line by a third party and if the students are under close supervision of the instructor.
5. Students may access only those educational games approved by a campus Professional staff member.
6. Students must respect the privacy of others and not intentionally obtain copies of or modify files, passwords, or data that belong to anyone else. No one should represent himself or herself as someone else by using another's account. No one should forward personal material without prior consent of the originator.
7. Electronic mail transmissions and other use of the electronic communication system are not considered to be private and must be monitored at any time by designated District staff to ensure appropriate use. Transmitting obscene messages or pictures is prohibited. Any illegal activities associated with the use of email will be reported to Administration and Police.
8. For the safety and privacy of the student, no student information in any form except directory information will be posted on the Internet without express parental permission.

9. Students must respect the integrity of computing systems and abide by existing federal and state laws regarding electronic communication. This includes accessing secure and/or confidential information such as but not limited to grades, attendance and demographic information stored on YISD information systems without authorization divulging passwords, causing system malfunction, developing programs that harass other users or attempting to infiltrate a computer or computing system, maliciously harming or destroying District equipment, materials, or data, and deliberately degrading or disrupting system performance. These actions may be viewed as violations of District policy and administrative regulations and, possibly, as criminal activity under applicable state and federal laws. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses, trojan programs, worms and accessing indecent information. These laws can carry penalties of up to 20 years in prison.

10. Students must respect the legal protection provided by copyright laws to computer programs, articles, graphics, and data. (See Board policies on copyright.) Students 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.

11. Any expense incurred as a result of Internet use is the responsibility of the student/parents.

12. 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 and the Student Code of Conduct.

13. Administrator access/passwords for computer systems can only be obtained from TIS.

**YSLETA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
STUDENT ACCEPTABLE USE AGREEMENT FOR INTERNET ACCESS**

APPLICATION (please print:)

Student's Name:

(Last) _____ (First) _____

ID # _____

Home Address: _____

Apt: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

I am in the _____ grade at _____ school and will graduate in 20____.

All should fill out this portion:

I understand and will abide by the YSLETA ISD Acceptable Use Policy for Network Use (Board Policy CQ and regulation CQR).

I understand that my computer use is not private and the District may monitor my activity on the computer system. 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, school disciplinary action may be taken and/or appropriate legal action.

Student's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent or Guardian (if student under the age of 18)

I have read the District's electronic communications system policy and administrative regulations (Board Policy CQ and regulation CQ-R). In consideration for the privilege of my child using the District's electronic communications system, and in consideration for having access to the public networks, I hereby release the District, its operators, and any institution with which they are affiliated from any and all claims and damages of any nature arising from my child's use of, or inability to use, the system, including, without limitation, the type of damage identified in the District's policy and administrative regulations.

_____ I give permission for my child to participate in the District's electronic communications system and certify that the information contained on this form is correct.

_____ I do not give permission for my child to participate in the District's electronic communications system.

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____