

Plemons-Stinnett-Phillips CISD
West Texas Middle School

LETTER FOR PARENTS OF USERS OF
DISTRICT TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES

Dear Parents:

Your child has an opportunity to be given access to the District's technology resources, meaning electronic communication systems and electronic equipment, and needs your permission to do so.

With this educational opportunity comes responsibility. It is important that you and your child read the enclosed District policy, administrative regulations, and agreement form and discuss these requirements together. If you have questions or need help understanding these materials, please contact Matt Tucker, middle school principal, at 806-878-2247. Inappropriate use of the District's technology resources may result in suspension or revocation of the privilege to use these educational tools, as well as other disciplinary or legal action, in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct and applicable laws.

As a user of the District's technology resources, your child 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 be aware that the Internet is an association of diverse communication and information networks. While the District is required by federal law to use technology protection measures to limit access to material considered harmful or inappropriate to students, it may not be possible for us to absolutely prevent such access. Despite our best efforts and beyond the limits of filtering technology, your child may run across areas of adult content and some material you might find objectionable.

Please return the attached agreement form indicating your permission or denial of permission for your child to access the District's technology resources.

If your child is being issued a District technology device, you will be given additional materials addressing the proper use, care, and return of these devices.

Sincerely,

Matt Tucker
West Texas Middle School Principal

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STUDENT AGREEMENT FOR ACCEPTABLE USE OF THE DISTRICT'S TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES

You are being given access to the District's technology resources, meaning electronic communication systems and electronic equipment.

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- 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 areas of adult content and some material you (or your parents) 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, you will be given additional materials addressing the proper use, care, and return of these devices.

RULES FOR APPROPRIATE USE

- You will have access only through the Generic Student account.
- The account is to be used mainly for educational purposes, but some limited personal use is permitted.
- Remember that people who receive e-mail from you with a school address might think your message represents the school's point of view.
- 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.

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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.
- Posting personal information about yourself or others, such as addresses and phone numbers.
- Responding to requests for personally identifying information or contact from unknown individuals.
- Making appointments to meet in person people met online. If a request for such a meeting is received, it should be reported to a teacher or administrator immediately.
- Posting or transmitting pictures of other students without obtaining prior permission from all individuals depicted or from parents of depicted students who are under the age of 18.
- Violating others' intellectual property rights, including downloading or using copyrighted information without permission from the copyright holder.
- Wasting school resources through the improper use of the District's technology resources, including sending spam.

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- Gaining unauthorized access to restricted information or resources.

CONSEQUENCES FOR INAPPROPRIATE USE

- Suspension of access to the District's technology resources;
- Revocation of the account; or
- Other disciplinary or legal action, in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct 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 a supervising teacher or the technology coordinator.
- You must report any requests for personally identifying information or contact from unknown individuals, as well as any content or communication that is abusive, obscene, pornographic, sexually oriented, threatening, harassing, damaging to another's reputation, or illegal to a supervising teacher or the technology coordinator.

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The student agreement must be renewed each school year.

STUDENT

Name: _____ Grade: _____

School: _____

I understand that my use of the District's technology resources is not private and that the District will monitor my activity.

I have read the District's technology resources policy, associated administrative regulations, and this user agreement and agree to abide by their provisions. I understand that violation of these provisions may result in suspension or revocation of access to the District's technology resources.

Student's signature: _____ Date: _____

PARENT

___ I do not give permission for my child to access the District's technology resources.

OR

I have read the District's technology resources policy, associated administrative regulations, and this user agreement. In consideration for the privilege of my child using the District's technology resources, 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 child's use of, or inability to use, these resources, including, without limitation, the type of damage identified in the District's policy and administrative regulations.

___ I give permission for my child to access the District's technology resources and certify that the information contained on this form is correct.

Signature of parent: _____

Date: _____
