

## **CELESTE JUNIOR HIGH STUDENT TECHNOLOGY ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY**

Celeste ISD uses a variety of procedures to protect our students and provide for appropriate use of technology. First, we utilize a filter for the Internet, allowing us to block identified, inappropriate sites. This database is updated nightly. Second, students will be monitored when using the Internet for research. Third, administrators and faculty may review files and messages to maintain system integrity and ensure that users are acting responsibly.

All junior high students in Celeste ISD must adhere to the following standards:

1. Students must not access, modify, download, or install computer programs, files, or information belonging to others.
2. Students must not alter computers, networks, printers or other equipment except as directed by a staff member.
3. Technology, including electronic communication, should be used for appropriate educational purposes only.
4. Students must not release personal information on the Internet.
5. Personal CISD network access information should not be conveyed to other students.
6. If a student finds an inappropriate site or image, he or she must immediately minimize the program and contact the instructor.
7. Students must not create and should report any instances of disrespectful, threatening, or profane communication.
8. Students shall adhere to all laws and statutes related to issues of copyright or plagiarism.
9. Students must not bypass or attempt to bypass Internet Filters.
10. Students must not engage in "cyber-bullying" which is the use of technology (computers & internet social networks) that has the effect of physically harming a student, damaging a student's property, or placing a student in reasonable fear of harm to the student's person or of damage to the student's property; or be sufficiently severe, persistent, or pervasive to create an intimidating, threatening, or abusive educational environment for a student.
11. Students must not engage in "sexting" which is the sharing of provocative or nude photos using technology.
12. Discouraging the access or spreading of information that does not support District endeavors. Including materials which are offensive, abusive, sexually oriented, threatening, harassing, damaging to another's reputation, or illegal.
13. Discouraging any activity or use which promotes discrimination on the basis of race, gender, national origin, age marital status, sexual orientation, religion, or disability.

Violation of any of these standards may result in suspension of computer use, Internet privileges and/or other disciplinary or legal action.

## **Bring Your Own Technology**

Junior high students, staff, and parents may bring their own technology devices to school for instructional purposes. All non-district devices (laptops, iPads, Smart Phones, etc) will have access to CISD's wireless network to access the Internet. With classroom teacher approval, students may use their own devices in the classroom to access and save information from the Internet, communicate with other learners, and use productivity tools that may be loaded on the device for instructional purposes. CISD is not responsible for theft, damage, or loss of any non-district device.

CISD is providing wireless connectivity as a guest service and offers no guarantees that any use of the wireless connection is in any way secure, or that any privacy can be protected when using this wireless connection. Use of the CISD wireless network is entirely at the risk of the user, and Celeste ISD is not responsible for any loss of any information that may arise from the use of the wireless connection, or for any loss, injury or damages resulting from the use of the wireless connection. All users of the CISD wireless connection are bound by the districts Acceptable Use Policy for Technology Usage. Once on the wireless network, all users will have filtered Internet access just as they would on a district owned device.

CISD makes no guarantee that the functions or the services provided by or through the district system will be error-free or without defect. The district will not be responsible for any damage the user may suffer, including but not limited to, loss of data or interruptions of service. The district is not responsible for the accuracy or quality of the information obtained through or stored on the system. The district will not be responsible for financial obligations arising from unauthorized use of the system.

Computer network privileges, including Internet, will be granted only after the following signature form is signed and returned to school. Upon communicating with school personnel, parents have the right to limit the access to electronic information and view the contents of the files created by their child. Furthermore, the use of electronic mail (e-mail) between school personnel and parent(s) is not guaranteed to be private. By signing, you and your child agree to comply with the acceptable use policy presented here.

## **Technology Loan Agreement**

This equipment is the property of Celeste ISD of Celeste, TX, and is herewith being loaned to the student for educational purposes for the amount of two consecutive nights unless otherwise noted. The equipment may not be defaced or destroyed in any way. Inappropriate material on the device may result in the student losing his/her right to use this equipment. The equipment will be returned to the school promptly on the due date. Failure to do so will result in restricted use of equipment. The District has the right to limit or revoke a student's access to equipment at any time, and for any reason. Teacher verification for approval to request lending equipment is required.

In accordance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), the device will be filtered with the Celeste ISD filter. Never attempt to alter settings on the device. The Celeste ISD filter can track where you have been and where you try to go. Inappropriate attempts made on school devices are reported to the CISD filter 24/7 and can result in disciplinary action. It is your responsibility to always follow the Internet safety rules set forth in the Celeste ISD AUP.

If a district owned device is lost, stolen or damaged while in the Borrower's possession, the cost to repair or replace will be assessed to the borrower.

## **ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

### **JUNIOR HIGH STUDENT AGREEMENT**

I have read the Celeste Acceptable Use Policy for network access and agree to abide by the provisions. I understand that any violation of the regulations is unethical and may constitute a criminal offense. Should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked and school disciplinary action and/or appropriate legal actions may be taken. In consideration for the privilege of 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 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 the District's policy and administrative regulations.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **PARENT OR GUARDIAN PERMISSION**

As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read the Celeste ISD Acceptable Use Policy. I understand that any violation of the regulations is unethical and may constitute a criminal offense. Should my child commit any violation, his/her access privileges may be revoked and school disciplinary action and/or appropriate legal actions may be taken. In consideration for the privilege of his/her using the District's electronic communications system; and in consideration for his/her having access to the public networks, 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 his/her use of, or inability to use, the system, including, without limitation, the type of damages identified in the District's policy and administrative regulations.

I understand that this access is designed for educational purposes. I also recognize that it is impossible to restrict access to all controversial materials and will not hold Celeste ISD responsible for materials acquired on the network.

I hereby give permission to issue an account for my child.

Parent or Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_