

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS POLICIES and ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

COMPUTER RESOURCES

To prepare students for an increasingly computerized society, the District has made a substantial investment in computer technology for instructional purposes. Use of these resources is primarily restricted to students working under a teacher's supervision and for approved purposes, however some limited personal use is permitted.

Students and their parents should be aware that electronic communications, e-mail and use of District computers are not private and may be monitored by District staff.

The Internet is a network of networks. Through the District's electronic communications system, your child will have access to hundreds of databases, libraries, and computer services all over the world.

Please note that the Internet is an association of diverse communication and information networks. It is possible that your child may run across areas of adult content and some material you might find objectionable. While the District will take reasonable steps to preclude access to such material and does not condone such access, it is not possible for us to absolutely prevent such access.

Please read the following agreement and return the form, which follows, indicating your permission or denial of permission for your child to participate in the District's electronic communications system. Violations of this agreement may result in withdrawal of privileges and other disciplinary action.

[For additional information, see policy CQ.]

LAPTOPS (Grade 9 – 12 only)

Your child has an opportunity to be issued a laptop and access to the District's electronic communications system and needs your permission to do so. Your child will be able to communicate with other schools, colleges, organizations, and individuals around the world through the Internet and other electronic information systems/networks.

With this educational opportunity also 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. Inappropriate laptop and system use will result in the loss of the privilege to use this educational tool.

DISTRICT AGREEMENT FOR ACCEPTABLE USE OF THE ON CAMPUS COMPUTERS, LAPTOPS AND THE ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

RULES FOR APPROPRIATE USE

- All students will be granted access to computers on campus and the District's electronic communications system.
- Students in grade 9-12 will have access to a laptop computer checked out from McMullen County I.S.D.
- This access, use of computers on campus and use of the laptops are to be used mainly for identified educational purposes, however some limited personal use is permitted.
- Students will be held responsible at all times for the proper use of the District electronic communication system, on campus computers and the laptop.

INAPPROPRIATE USES

- Using the District electronic communication system, computers on campus and/or the laptop for any illegal purpose.
- Borrowing someone's account without permission.
- Posting personal information about yourself or others (such as addresses and phone numbers).
- Downloading or using copyrighted information without permission from the copyright holder.
- Posting messages or accessing material that are abusive, obscene, sexually oriented, threatening, harassing, damaging to another's reputation, or illegal.
- Wasting school resources through the improper use of the District electronic communication system, computers on campus and/or the laptop.
- Gaining unauthorized access to restricted information or resources.
- Downloading material that is unacceptable.
- Engaging in behavior, which would damage computers on campus, the laptop or inhibit use of the system, equipment, or data.

CONSEQUENCES FOR INAPPROPRIATE USE

- Revocation or suspension of access to the District electronic communication system, use of computers on campus and/or use of the laptop.
- Monetary restitution for cost of equipment (repair or replacement), and costs associated with software and system restoration.
- Other disciplinary or legal action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct and applicable laws.

MCMULLEN COUNTY I.S.D. AGREEMENT FOR ACCEPTABLE USE OF THE
ON CAMPUS COMPUTERS, LAPTOPS AND
THE ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

STUDENT AGREEMENT

Student's Name _____ Grade _____

I understand that my use of the district electronic communications system, on campus computers and laptop(grade 9-12 only) is not private and that McMullen County I.S.D. will monitor my activity on this computer system.

I have read the DISTRICT AGREEMENT FOR ACCEPTABLE USE OF THE ON CAMPUS COMPUTERS, LAPTOPS AND THE ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM and agree to abide by its provisions. I understand that violation of these provisions may result in suspension or revocation of the use of these computer systems. This student agreement must be renewed each academic year.

Student Signature

Date

PARENT/GUARDIAN AGREEMENT

Parent's Name _____

I have read the DISTRICT AGREEMENT FOR ACCEPTABLE USE OF THE ON CAMPUS COMPUTERS, LAPTOPS AND THE ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM and agree to abide by its provisions. In consideration for the privilege of my child's using these systems and in consideration for having access to the public networks, I hereby release the District, its operators, and nay institutions with which they are affiliated, from any and all claims and damages of any nature arising form 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 use of the District's on campus computers, laptop(grade 9-12 only) and the electronic communications system.

_____ I DO NOT give permission for any child to participate in the use of the District's on campus computers, laptop(grade 9-12 only) and the electronic communications system.

I certify that the information contained on this form is correct.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date