

COMAL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

STUDENT AGREEMENT FOR ACCEPTABLE USE OF THE ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

You are being given access to the 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 educational opportunity comes responsibility. It is important that you read the Guidelines for Acceptable Use of Comal Independent School District Technology Resources, and the agreement form. You are encouraged to ask questions if you need help in understanding the documents.

Access to Comal ISD computer resources is a privilege, not a right. Failure to comply with the guidelines set out in the Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) may result in suspension of access or termination of privileges and other disciplinary action consistent with District policies. Damage caused by intentional misuse of equipment will be charged to the user. Student users should refer to the Student Code of Conduct for a detailed description of the consequence of improper use of the computer system. 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.

RULES FOR APPROPRIATE USE:

- Students may be assigned an individual account. If assigned an account, the student is responsible for not sharing the password for that account with others. Student will be held responsible for the intentional or negligent misuse of this information, or any misconduct that results from the disclosure of this information;
- The account is to be used only for identified educational purposes;
- The student is expected to use polite and civil communication; and
- The student will be held responsible at all times for the proper use of his/her account, and the District may suspend or revoke access if the student violates the rules.

INAPPROPRIATE USES INCLUDE, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO:

- Using the system for any illegal purpose;
- Tampering with software protections and/or disabling or attempting to disable any Internet filtering device;
- Encrypting communications to avoid security review;
- Altering or attempting to alter system software or hardware configurations on network systems or local devices;
- Installing unauthorized software programs;
- Disrupting or using unauthorized accounts, access codes, or identification numbers;

- Borrowing someone’s account without their permission;
- Impersonating any person or communication under a false or unauthorized name;
- Posting personal information about yourself or others (such as addresses and phone numbers);
- Downloading or using copyrighted information without permission from the copyright holder, pirating software, and plagiarizing. Students may be held liable for any of their own actions that violate copyright laws;
- Intentionally introducing a virus to the computer system;
- Posting messages (anonymous or otherwise) or accessing materials that are abusive, obscene, sexually oriented, threatening, harassing, damaging to another’s reputation, or illegal;
- Sending or storing messages or materials with the intent to defraud, harass, defame or threaten others;
- Sending mass mailings or spamming;
- Playing network games or downloading large files without prior authorization;
- Wasting school resources through the improper use of the computer system;
- Using school computers for advertising, profiting, and/or soliciting; and
- Gaining unauthorized access to restricted information or resources.

CONSEQUENCES FOR INAPPROPRIATE USE:

- Suspension of access to the system;
- Revocation of the computer system account; and/or
- Other disciplinary or legal action, in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct and applicable laws.

STUDENT AGREEMENT:

Grade _____

Campus Name _____

I understand that my computer use is not private and that the District will monitor my activity on the computer system. I have read the District’s electronic communications system policy and administrative regulations and agree to abide by their provisions. I understand that violation of these provisions may result in suspension or revocation of system access and other disciplinary action consistent with District policies.

Student Name (please print) _____

Student’s Signature _____ Date _____

PARENT AGREEMENT:

I have read the District's Guidelines for Acceptable Use of Comal Independent School District Technology Resources, and this agreement form. 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 institutions with which they are affiliated from any and all claims and damages of any nature arising from 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.

Parent's Name (please print) _____

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

Home Address _____

Home Phone Number _____