

ASPERMONT ISD
STUDENT/PARENT POLICY FOR ACCEPTABLE USE OF THE
DISTRICT'S INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND NETWORK SYSTEMS



Aspermont Independent School District
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The purpose of this Technology Acceptable Use Policy is to ensure appropriate, responsible, ethical and legal use of technology within the Aspermont ISD community. Acceptable use of Aspermont ISD technology is for the purpose of improving student learning and to prepare students to be career-ready graduates. Aspermont ISD provides technology, including, but not limited to: desktop computers, laptops, Chromebooks, networks, online storage, local storage, and Internet services. Aspermont ISD technology always remains the property of Aspermont ISD.

This policy shall conform to district policies including Board Policy; CQ(LOCAL) and CQ-(LEGAL) (Technology Board Policy & Administrative Regulations), established procedures and copyright laws, and shall not violate federal, state or local laws.

The Aspermont ISD Acceptable Use Policy ("AUP") is in place to prevent unauthorized access and other unlawful activities by online users, prevent unauthorized disclosure of or access to sensitive information, and to comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act ("CIPA"). Only users who agree to this Acceptable Use Policy are authorized to access Aspermont ISD technology.

This policy describes acceptable uses of district technology systems (hardware, software, network, and internet) as well as unacceptable uses. These policies are established to:

- Enhance teaching and learning
- Increase safety for students and staff
- Improve the efficiency of district technology systems
- Clarify acceptable and proper use of district technology
- Ensure alignment with Aspermont ISD Core Beliefs and Commitments
- Ensure compliance with applicable district policies, state and federal laws
- Educate students, staff, and others who use Aspermont ISD technology

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Statement of E-rate Compliance

Aspermont ISD will provide age-appropriate training for students who use the Aspermont ISD's Internet facilities. The training provided will be designed to promote the district's commitment to:

1. The standards and acceptable use of Internet services as set forth in this document and in the Student Code of Conduct;
2. Student safety with regard to:
 - a. safety on the Internet;
 - b. appropriate behavior while on online, on social networking Web sites, and in chat rooms; and
 - c. cyber bullying awareness and response.
3. Compliance with the E-rate requirements of the Children's Internet Protection Act ("CIPA").

Following receipt of this training, the student will acknowledge that he/she received the training, understood it, and will continue to follow the provisions of this document.

The District will use technology protection measures to block or filter, to the extent practicable, access of visual depictions that are obscene, pornographic, and harmful to minors over the network. The District reserves the right to monitor users' online activities and to access, review, copy, and store or delete any electronic communication or files and disclose them to others as it deems necessary. Users should not have an expectation of privacy regarding their use of District property, network and/or internet access or files, including email.

Violation of these policies may result in one or more of the following: loss of access privileges, suspension, and/or expulsion. The District will attempt to tailor any disciplinary action to the specific issues related to each violation.

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Unacceptable Uses of Aspermont ISD Technology

Below are examples of inappropriate activity on the District website, however the District reserves the right to take immediate action regarding activities that 1) create security and/or safety issues for the District, students, employees, schools, network or computer resources, or 2) expend District resources on content the District in its sole discretion determines lacks legitimate educational content/purpose, or 3) are determined by the District as inappropriate.

Examples of Inappropriate Activity:

1. Violating any state or federal law or municipal ordinance, such as: accessing or transmitting pornography of any kind, obscene depictions, harmful materials, materials that encourage others to violate the law, confidential information or copyrighted materials.
2. Engaging in criminal activities that can be punished under law.
3. Selling or purchasing illegal items or substances.
4. Obtaining and/or using anonymous email sites, spamming, spreading viruses.
5. Causing harm to others or damage to their property.
6. Using profane, abusive language or engaging in sexual harassment in public or private messages, e.g., racist, terroristic, abusive, sexually explicit, threatening, demeaning, stalking, or slanderous. threatening, harassing, or making damaging or false statements about others or accessing, transmitting, or downloading offensive, harassing, or disparaging materials.
7. Intentionally accessing, creating, storing, or transmitting material that is offensive, indecent, obscene, intimidating, or hostile; or that harasses, insults or attacks others.
8. Deleting, copying, modifying, or forging other users' names, emails, files, or data. Disguising one's identity, impersonating other users, or sending anonymous email.
9. Damaging computer equipment, files, data or the network in any way, including intentionally accessing, transmitting or downloading computer viruses or other harmful files or programs, or disrupting any computer system performance.
10. Using any District computer to pursue "hacking," internal or external to the District, or attempting to access information protected by privacy laws.
11. Using Aspermont ISD internet and intranet property, such as web sites, email, networks, or other technology for political uses or personal gain.
12. Advertising, promoting non-district sites or commercial efforts and events
13. Not adhering to all copyright laws.
14. Using the network for non-academic related bandwidth intensive activities such as accessing, transmitting, or downloading large files, e.g. network games, transmission of large audio/video files downloading movies or music, or serving as a host for such activities.

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TECHNOLOGY DAMAGE OR LOSS AGREEMENT

I (we) accept the same financial responsibility for the Chromebooks as I do for the textbooks my student checks out. This includes the cost of replacing a lost, stolen, accidentally or intentionally damaged device. Aspermont ISD will self-insure and provide full coverage of a Chromebook for the cost of \$30.00. Provide cash or check for **\$30.00** to **Aspermont ISD** with Chromebook Insurance Fee and student name in the memo line.

● **Accidental Damage** – If a device is accidentally damaged, please have your student take the Chromebook to the campus administrator or technology coordinator. The Technology Department will make repairs to the device and the student will be charged for the parts needed to bring the device back to its original condition, unless a Chromebook usage fee was paid, which will cover two accidental damage incidents.

● **Intentional Damage** – Full price of repair or replacement will be the responsibility of the parent/guardian and a meeting with an administrator will be required before a device will be reissued. Consequences may be issued per the Student Code of Conduct.

● **Lost/Stolen Device** – A fee of \$250.00 will be collected for a lost or stolen device and a parent/guardian meeting with an administrator will be required. In the case of a lost or stolen Chromebook, an official police report will need to be filed by the student or parent and submitted to the campus office.

Costs to Student	With Usage Fee	Without Usage Fee
Replacement cost of damaged Chromebook	\$0	Full replacement cost. \$250.00+
Cost of repair per occurrence	\$0 for 2 incidents	Full cost of parts to repair. Cost varies.
Cost of replacement charger	\$40	\$40
Replacement storage bag/Case	\$25	\$25

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I have read and understand that all Chromebook computers, electronic devices, equipment and/or accessories the Aspermont ISD District has provided to my student are the property of Aspermont ISD. I agree to return the equipment, assigned to me, to the District in the same condition in which it was provided to my student (excluding normal wear and tear) upon my departure from the District. I understand that I am personally and monetarily responsible for any damage to or loss of any Chromebook computer, electronic devices and/or related equipment and accessories assigned to my child due to intentional vandalism or negligence.

****A Chromebook will not be issued to students with missing technological devices, outstanding fees, or fines. All outstanding fees and fines must be resolved before a Chromebook will be issued. As per TEC, Sec. 31.10b(d), a school district (LEA) can withhold records of students when technological equipment is not returned in acceptable condition or paid for by the student.**