Aspermont Independent School District

Information Technology Resources and Services: Acceptable Use Policy

These guidelines are provided so that students and parents are aware of the responsibilities students accept when they use district-owned computer hardware, operating system software, application software, stored text, data files, electronic mail, local databases, digitized information, communication technologies, and Internet access. These rules and regulations apply to all network connections.

Student Expectations:

a. Student use of computers, other technology hardware, software, and computer networks, including the Internet, is only allowed when supervised or granted permission by a staff member.
b. All students are expected to follow existing local and federal copyright laws.
c. Although the district has an Internet safety plan in place, students are expected to notify a staff member whenever they come across information or messages that are inappropriate, dangerous, threatening, or make them feel uncomfortable.
d. Students who identify or know about a security problem are expected to convey the details to their teacher or school administrator without discussing it with other students.

Aspermont ISD cautions all users to be aware of unacceptable conduct when using the electronic information resources via an educational network. The district will not be held responsible for internet safety and content access outside of the school provided network. AISD encourages student guardians to be vigilant in regards to internet safety and content monitoring of students outside of the school network.

Unacceptable conduct on and off AISD network includes but is not limited to the following:

a. Using the network for illegal activities, including copyright, license, or contract violations or downloading inappropriate materials, viruses, and/or software.
b. Using the network for financial or commercial gain, advertising, or political lobbying.
c. Accessing or exploring online locations or materials that do not support the curriculum and/or are inappropriate for school assignments.
d. Vandalizing and/or tampering with equipment, programs, files, software, system performance, or other components of the network. Use or possession of hacking software is strictly prohibited.
e. Causing congestion on the network or interfering with the work of others.
f. Intentionally wasting finite resources, i.e., downloading movies or music for non-educational purposes.
g. Gaining unauthorized access anywhere on the network.
h. Attempting to log in as the system administrator or attempting to fraudulently gain access to the system.
i. Revealing the home address or phone number of one's self or another person.
j. Invading the privacy of other individuals.
k. Using another user's account or password, or allowing another user to access your account or password.
l. Coaching, helping, observing, or joining any unauthorized activity on the network.
m. Forwarding/distributing e-mail messages without permission from the author.
n. Posting anonymous messages or unlawful information on the system.
o. Engaging in sexual harassment or using objectionable language in public or private messages, e.g., racist, terroristic, abusive, sexually explicit, threatening, demeaning, stalking, or slanderous.
p. Falsifying permission, authorization, or identification documents.
q. Obtain copies of, or modify files, data, or passwords belonging to other users on the network.
r. Knowingly placing a computer virus on a computer or network.

s. Attempting to by-pass or by-passing the network proxy server in order to gain access to restricted sites.

The system administrator(s) may, with or without warning, suspend the use of network resources and disable any user account with reasonable cause and belief that this acceptable use policy has been violated by the user on and off of the school provided network.

1. The Aspermont ISD network is established with the express intent of providing the students and staff a resource that will improve and enhance education in a manner that is consistent with the educational goals of Aspermont ISD. The district expects legal, ethical, and efficient use of the network/Internet and other technological resources.

2. Student accounts will be used only in support of education and research within the educational goals and objectives of the Aspermont ISD. Students will be personally responsible for this provision at all times.

a. Use of any other organizational network or computing resource(s) will be in compliance with the rules and acceptable use practices appropriate to that network and with the Aspermont ISD network.
b. Transmission of any material in violation of any federal or state policy or law is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to: copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material, and material protected by trade secret.
c. Advertising products or services, and political lobbying are prohibited on an educational network.

3. Students are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These rules include, but are not limited to, the following:

a. Be polite. Never send, or encourage others to send, abusive messages.
b. Use appropriate language. Remember that you are a representative of our school district on a non-private system. What you say and do can be viewed globally. Never use inappropriate language.
c. Do not reveal your home address or personal phone number or the address or phone number of fellow students or colleagues.
d. Do not expect anything you view on your school computer or through the school network to be private. Messages and access can be monitored and tracked by district administration. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities will be reported to the authorities.
e. Do not use the network in any way that would disrupt the use of the network by others.

4. Aspermont ISD makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. Aspermont ISD does not guarantee connectivity to the Internet. Aspermont ISD will not be responsible for any damages suffered while on this system. These damages include loss of data as a result of delays, non-deliveries, miss-deliveries, or service interruptions caused by the system or user errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via the information system is at your own risk. Aspermont ISD specifically disclaims any responsibility for the accuracy of information obtained through these services.

5. Security on any computer system is a high priority because there are so many users. If you identify any security problem, notify the system administrator, building principal, or an appropriate teacher at once. Never demonstrate the problem to other users. Never use another individual's account without prior written permission from that person. All use of the network resources must be under your own account and under the approval of an Aspermont ISD staff person. Any user that is identified as a security risk will be denied access to the information system.

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Required Signatures

I understand and will abide by responsibilities connected to electronic information resources in the Aspermont ISD. I understand that any violation/s of the above provisions may result in disciplinary action, the revocation of my user account, and appropriate legal action. I also agree to report any misuse of the information system or systems to the Aspermont ISD system administrator(s) or appropriate teacher(s) or other representative(s) of the Aspermont ISD. Misuse can come in many forms, but can be viewed as racism, sexism, inappropriate language, or other issues described above. I understand that the Aspermont ISD retains the right to withdraw my account privileges at any time for any reason.

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Student Signature   **Date**

As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read this acknowledgement of the rights and responsibilities connected to electronic information resources used in the Aspermont ISD. I understand that the district makes electronic information resources available for educational purposes ONLY. I understand that it is impossible for the Aspermont ISD to restrict access to all controversial materials that may be found on electronic networks, and will not hold the Aspermont ISD school system administrators, teachers, or other representatives responsible for the misuse of the information system. Misuse can come in many forms, but can be viewed as any message sent or received that indicate or suggest pornography, unethical or illegal solicitation , racism, sexism, inappropriate language, and other issues described above. I accept full responsibility for supervision if and when my child's use is not in a school setting. I herby give my permission to issue an account for my child and certify that the information contained on this form is correct.

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Parent Signature   **Date**

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Parent Printed Name

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Home Address

NOTICE: FOR THE PUBLICATION OF STUDENT WORK/PICTURES

As a parent, if you choose that samples of your child's artwork, special projects, photographs, and the like NOT be displayed to the community on the district's website, in printed material (such as the yearbook) transmitted by video, or any other method of public communication, you must notify the Superintendent of the Aspermont ISD in writing.

Please address your objections to:

Mr. Zach Morris, Superintendent
Aspermont Independent School District
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Aspermont, Texas 79502