



Student Acceptable Use Policy June 2014 Until Amended

Our staff and students use technology to learn. Technology is essential to facilitate the creative problem solving, information fluency, and collaboration that we see in today's global economy. While we want our students to be active contributors in our connected world, we also want them to be safe, legal, and responsible. This Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) supports our vision of technology use and upholds in our users a strong sense of digital citizenship. This policy applies to all Athens Independent School District (AISD) computer networks (including the resources made available by them), and all devices connected to those networks.

Responsible Use and Digital Citizenship

Respect Yourself: I will select online names that are appropriate, and I will be polite and use appropriate language/content in all online posts.

Protect Yourself: I will not publish personal details, contact details or a schedule of activities for myself or anyone else. I understand that unless otherwise authorized, I am the owner of my accounts, and I am responsible for all activity initiated by and/or performed under these accounts. I understand that it is my responsibility to appropriately secure my account credentials. I understand that I am responsible for maintaining and backing up all of my own data. If I am uncertain whether a specific computer activity is permitted or appropriate, I will ask a teacher/administrator before engaging in that activity.

Respect Others: I will not use technologies to bully or tease other people. I will not make audio or video recordings of students/employees without their prior permission. I understand that posing as someone else is forbidden and I will not pose as a user other than myself when online. I will not access, download, or modify accounts, files, or data belonging to others. I will be careful and aware when printing to avoid wasting resources and printing unnecessary items.

Protect Others: I will help maintain a safe computing environment by notifying appropriate campus officials of inappropriate behavior, vulnerabilities, risks, and breaches involving campus technology.

Respect Intellectual Property: I will suitably cite any and all use of websites, books, media, etc. I will respect all copyrights.

Protect Intellectual Property: I will request to use the software and media that others produce.

General Policies

- The purpose of an AISD user account is to access the AISD network and facilitate creativity and innovation. We use this network to support communication and collaboration. We use technology to extend research and information fluency, to collect and analyze data and to solve problems.
- AISD user accounts are owned by the AISD; consequently they are subject to the Open Records Act. All digital files associated with user accounts may be retrieved by AISD staff at any time without prior notice and without the permission of any user. The AISD reserves the right to monitor all accounts and any content stored in, created, received, or sent through the AISD computer network in order to maintain system integrity as well as to ensure responsible use.
- A content filtering solution is in place in order to prevent access to certain sites that may contain inappropriate material, including pornography, weapons, illegal drugs, gambling, and any other topics deemed to be of non-educational value by the AISD. The AISD is not responsible for the content accessed by users who connect via their own 3G/4G type service (cellphones, air-cards, etc.).

Government Laws

Technology is to be utilized in conformity with laws of the United States and the State of Texas. Violations include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Criminal Acts – These include, but are not limited to:

• unauthorized tampering	• cyber stalking	• vandalism
• harassing email	• child pornography	• cyber bullying

2. Libel Laws - You may not publicly defame people through published material.

3. Copyright Violations - Copying, selling or distributing copyrighted material without the express written permission of the author or publisher (users should assume that all materials available on the Internet are protected by copyright), and/or engaging in plagiarism.

Third Party Accounts

In accordance with our district mission, goals and our vision for technology our students may require accounts in third party systems. Many of these accounts will be used at school for school related projects but may also be accessed outside of school with their parents' permission. The use of these accounts will help our students to master effective and proper online communications as required in the PreK-12 Technology Applications Standards.

Campus and/or classroom web pages are the preferred means of student communication. If electronic media/communication tools are available, it is recommended they be used over other outside communication tools.

Web Publishing Policy

Students publishing on a district or school website will do so under the direct supervision of a classroom teacher or school administrator. Supervising teachers and administrators will be held responsible for

assuring students are aware of all web publishing policies that are located in the district employee handbook. Supervising teachers and administrators are responsible for all material students post to a district or school sponsored website.

Disclaimer of Liability

Athens ISD shall not be liable for the user's inappropriate use of the District's technology resources or violations of copyright restrictions, users' mistakes or negligence, or cost incurred by users. AISD shall not be responsible for ensuring accuracy or usability of any information found on the Internet.

Data contained in the AISD technology resource systems remain the property of Athens Independent School District. Electronic mail transmissions and other use of AISD technology resource systems including Internet access and data storage shall not be considered confidential and may be monitored by authorized individuals at any time to ensure appropriate use for educational purposes.

Consequences

I understand and will abide by this Acceptable Use Policy. If I break this agreement, the consequences could include suspension of your accounts and network access. In addition I could face disciplinary/legal action including but not limited to: criminal prosecution and/or penalty under appropriate state and federal laws.

The following actions are not permitted and could result in the consequences outlined above:

- Users may not attempt to disable or bypass the AISD content filter.
- Users may not illegally access or manipulate the information of a private database/system such as gradebooks and other student information systems.
- Users may not install unauthorized network access points, or other connections that may not effectively integrate with existing infrastructure.
- Users may not use their accounts for non-school related activities including but not limited to:
 - Using the Internet for financial gain, personal advertising, promotion, non-government related fundraising, or public relations
 - Political activity: lobbying for personal political purposes, or activities such as solicitation for religious purposes
- Users may not send, save, view, forward, or create harassing or offensive content/messages. Offensive material includes, but is not limited to, pornographic, obscene, or sexually explicit material, sexual comments, jokes or images that would violate school policies. The school policies against harassment and discrimination apply to the use of technology.
- User whose name a system account is issued in will be responsible at all times for its proper use. Users may not access another person's account without written permission from the Technology Department. The Superintendent or designee and Technology Coordinator will deem what is considered to be inappropriate use of the AISD computer network. They may suspend an account or network access at any time. In addition, the administration, faculty, or staff of the AISD may request that a user's account be suspended or denied at any time.

ATHENS ISD IS IN NO WAY LIABLE FOR A STUDENT'S PERSONAL DEVICE.

CAMPUS PRINCIPAL AND/OR THE CLASSROOM TEACHER HAS THE FINAL AUTHORITY IN PERSONAL AND/OR DISTRICT DEVICE USE IN THE CLASSROOM.

I HAVE READ THE ATHENS ISD STUDENT ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY, JUNE 2014 UNTIL AMENDED.

Please provide the following information:

Student Name (Printed): _____

Student Lunch Number: _____ **Student Cell Phone:** _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent Name (Printed): _____

Parent Signature: _____

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Type _____	ESN# _____
Serial #: _____	Phone # _____