



ACCEPTABLE USE GUIDELINES

ELECTRONIC DEVICES AND TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES

Possession and Use of Personal Telecommunications Devices

For safety purposes, the district permits students to possess personal mobile telephones; however, the use of mobile telephones or any device capable of capturing images is strictly prohibited in locker rooms or restroom areas while at school or at a school-related or school-sponsored event.

If a student uses a telecommunications device or other personal electronic devices without authorization of the teacher to support instructional activities in the classroom, the device may be confiscated. The parent may pick up the confiscated device from the principal's office and will have the following consequences:

- 1st offense: Return of device to parent.
- 2nd offense: Return of device, \$15 fee.
- 3rd offense: Return of device to parent and additional disciplinary consequences, an additional \$15 fee.

The campus reserves the right to keep the electronic device for the remainder of the year.

Confiscated telecommunications devices that are not retrieved by the student or the student's parents will be disposed of after the notice required by law. [See policy **FNCE**.] In limited circumstances and in accordance with law, a student's personal telecommunications device may be searched by authorized personnel. [See **Searches** on page 64 and policy **FNF(legal)**.] Any disciplinary action will be in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct. The district is not responsible for damaged, lost, or stolen telecommunications devices.

Possession and Use of Other Personal Electronic Devices

Except as described below, students are not permitted to possess or use personal electronic devices such as MP3 players, video or audio recorders, DVD players, cameras, games, e-readers, or other electronic devices at school, unless prior permission has been obtained. Without such permission, teachers will collect the items and turn them in to the principal's office. The principal will determine whether to return items to students at the end of the day or to contact parents to pick up the items.

Instructional Use of Personal Telecommunications and Other Electronic Devices

The use of web-enabled devices or personal computers on campus is a privilege that the school grants to students who are willing to assume the responsibilities outlined in the Rockwall ISD Acceptable Use Policy. Select 5th and 6th grade classrooms on elementary campuses, at the discretion of the principal, and all classrooms on secondary campuses will be allowed to bring personally owned electronic devices for use during the school day. Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT) devices are attached or connected to the Rockwall ISD network and are subject to the same policies and procedures established for the use of district owned equipment. The use of BYOT must adhere to the Acceptable Use Policy of the Electronic Internet Communication System agreement. The student and parent/guardian must have signed and returned the AUP prior to using the device and accessing the district network. District technicians will not service, repair, or maintain any BYOT. RISD will not be held liable for personal content housed on the device. Any software residing on the BYOT must not interfere with the normal operation of district-owned resources and must be properly licensed. RISD is not responsible for any physical damage, loss, or theft of the device. Internet usage or texting charges are the responsibility of the student. Students are responsible



for keeping the BYOT in a secure location when not in use. Student use of BYOT must support the instructional activities of the classroom and must be turned off and put away when requested by a teacher.

Acceptable Use of District Technology Resources

To prepare students for an increasingly technological society, the district has made an investment in the use of district-owned technology resources for instructional purposes; specific resources may be issued individually to students. Use of these technological resources, which include the district's network systems and use of district equipment, is restricted to approved purposes only. Students and parents must sign the Authorization Form at the front of this handbook regarding acceptable use of the Electronic Internet Communication System prior to using district resources. Violations of the user agreement may result in withdrawal of privileges and other disciplinary action.

Students may be given access to the District's electronic communications system. Through this system, the student will be able to communicate with other schools, colleges, organizations, and people around the world through the Internet. The student will have access to hundreds of databases, libraries, and computer services all over the world. With this educational opportunity comes responsibility. Inappropriate system use will result in the loss of the privilege to use this educational tool. Please note that the Internet is a network of many types of communication and information networks. It is possible that you may run across some material you (or your parents) might find objectionable. While the District will take reasonable steps 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

- You will be assigned an individual account and are responsible for not sharing the password for that account with others.
- The account is to be used mainly for identified educational purposes.
- You will be held responsible at all times for the proper use of your account, and the District may suspend or revoke your access if you violate the rules.
- You will be held responsible for any postings to a social networking site that would "materially disrupt classwork, involve substantial disorder, or interfere with the rights of others" [Tinker, 393 U.S. at 506].

INAPPROPRIATE USES

- Using the system for any illegal purpose.
- Logging into someone else's account.
- Posting personal information about yourself or others (such as addresses and phone numbers).
- Downloading or using copyrighted information without permission from the copyright holder.
- Using a proxy bypass site.
- Wasting school resources through the improper use of the computer system.
- Gaining unauthorized access to restricted information or resources.
- Encrypting communications to avoid security review.
- Accessing non-educational social networking sites.
- Disabling, bypassing, or attempting to disable any Internet filtering device.
- Using personal electronic mail accounts.
- Purposefully taking, disseminating, transferring, or sharing abusive, obscene lewd, sexually oriented, threatening, harassing, damaging to another's reputation, or otherwise illegal images or photographs, which includes cyberbullying and sexting. This prohibition will result in discipline according to the Student Code of Conduct and may, in certain circumstances, be reported to law enforcement.



- Posting messages, accessing, or possessing materials that are abusive, obscene, sexually oriented, threatening, harassing, damaging to another’s reputation, or otherwise illegal. This prohibition applies to conduct on or off school property if it results in a substantial disruption to the educational environment.
- Loading software without district permission.
- 3G, 4G, hot spots, and other private methods of connecting to the Internet are not allowed to be used to access the Internet while on school property.

CONSEQUENCES FOR INAPPROPRIATE USES

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

Students understand that their computer use is not private and that the District will monitor their activity on the computer system. Students have read the District’s electronic communications system regulations and agree to abide by those provisions. Students understand that violation of these provisions may result in suspension or revocation of system access. Parents/guardians and students must agree by signature to the conditions of the Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) prior to access being given to the student.

Unacceptable and Inappropriate Use of Technology Resources

Students are prohibited from possessing, sending, forwarding, posting, accessing, or displaying electronic messages that are abusive, obscene, sexually oriented, threatening, harassing, damaging to another’s reputation, or illegal. This prohibition also applies to conduct off school property, whether the equipment used to send such messages is district-owned or personally owned, if it results in a substantial disruption to the educational environment. Any person taking, disseminating, transferring, possessing, or sharing obscene, sexually oriented, lewd, or otherwise illegal images or other content, commonly referred to as “sexting,” will be disciplined according to the Student Code of Conduct, may be required to complete an educational program related to the dangers of this type of behavior, and, in certain circumstances, may be reported to law enforcement. Because engaging in this type of behavior can lead to bullying or harassment, as well as possibly impede future endeavors of a student, we encourage you to review with your child <http://beforeyoutext.com>, a state-developed program that addresses the consequences of engaging in inappropriate behavior using technology.

In addition, any student who engages in conduct that results in a breach of the district’s computer security will be disciplined in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct, and, in some cases, the consequence may rise to the level of expulsion.