

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION AND DATA MANAGEMENT**CQ****(REGULATIONS)**

Neches Independent School District provides a robust technology infrastructure to support Future Ready learning. **The technology infrastructure is defined as the District's network (including the wireless network), servers, computer workstations, mobile technologies, peripherals, applications, databases, online resources, Internet access, email, and any other technology designated for use by students, including all new technologies as they become available.** Access to this infrastructure, and the internet shall be made available to students and employees exclusively for instructional and administrative purposes. This also includes any access to the Neches ISD technology infrastructure while on or near school property, in school vehicles and at school-sponsored activities, and includes the appropriate use of district technology resources via off-campus remote access.

In accordance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), Neches ISD has implemented protective measures to restrict access to inappropriate materials. While every effort is made to provide the most secure environment, it is not possible to completely prevent access to inappropriate content.

Students under 13

The Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA) is a federal law that regulates the online collection of personal information from children under the age of 13. The law generally requires website operators to provide parental notification and obtain parental consent before collecting personal information from these students. However, COPPA also authorizes school districts to provide this consent when the collection of information is for the use and benefit of the school and for no other commercial purpose. Parents can obtain more information regarding COPPA via the Federal Trade Commission website at www.ftc.gov.

In an effort to succeed in a global community of the 21st Century, Neches ISD will use or recommend certain web based applications to enhance your child's learning experience. These may include tools such as IXL, MobyMax, Google Apps or others. The use of these services requires the District to disclose certain student information to the operators of these online services. A list of applications and websites that may be used in its classrooms, along with links to their privacy policies and terms of service is available on the NISD website.

According to the Student Code of Conduct, students are responsible for appropriate behavior on the district's technology infrastructure. Communications on the network are often public in nature. General school rules for behavior and communications apply. It is expected that users will comply with district standards and the specific rules set forth below. The use of the network is a privilege, not a right, and may be revoked if abused. The user is personally responsible for his/her actions in accessing and utilizing the school's technology infrastructure.

Disclaimer of Liability

Neches ISD shall not be liable for a student's inappropriate use of the district's technology infrastructure or violations of copyright restrictions or other laws, a student's mistakes or negligence, and for any costs incurred by a student through the use of the infrastructure. Neches ISD shall not be responsible for ensuring the accuracy, age appropriateness, or usability of any information found on the internet. No warranties of any kind are offered neither expressed nor implied.

Appropriate Use

- Students must only open, view, modify, and delete their own files.
- Internet use at school must be directly related to school assignments and projects.
- Students will be issued student email and network accounts. ***Account use should be for educational purposes only.***
- Students must immediately report threatening messages or discomforting Internet files/sites to a teacher.
- Students must at all times use the district's technology infrastructure in ways that are ***kind and respectful***, and prohibits uses such as:
 - Bullying
 - Hate speech
 - Profanity or vulgar language
 - Suggestive speech
- Students are responsible at all times for their use of the district's electronic communications system and must assume personal responsibility to behave ethically and responsibly.

Inappropriate Use

- Individual use will not interfere with others' use and enjoyment of the technology infrastructure. Use in a manner that is not consistent with the mission of Neches ISD, misrepresents Neches ISD, or violates any Neches ISD policy is prohibited.
- The systems may not be used for illegal or unlawful purposes, including hacking, copyright infringement, obscenity, libel, slander, fraud, defamation, plagiarism, intimidation, forgery, impersonation, illegal gambling, soliciting for illegal pyramid schemes, and computer tampering (e.g. spreading computer viruses).
- Individuals may not view, copy, alter, or destroy data, software, documentation or data communications belonging to Neches ISD or another individual without authorized permission.
- Users will not violate the policies of any network accessed through their account.
- Sharing user names and passwords with others; and/or borrowing someone else's username, password, or account access.
- Electronically posting personal information about one's self or others (i.e., addresses, phone numbers, and pictures).
- Disabling or attempting to disable any system monitoring or filtering or security measures.

Consequences for Inappropriate Use

- Appropriate disciplinary or legal action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct and applicable laws including monetary damages.
- Suspension of access to the district's electronic communications system.
- Revocation of the district's electronic communications system account(s).
- Termination of System User Account: The district may deny, revoke, or suspend specific user's access to the district's system with or without cause or notice for lack of use, violation of policy or regulations regarding acceptable network use, or as a result of disciplinary actions against the user.
- Possible criminal action.
- According to Texas Penal Code Chapter 33.07 it is illegal to impersonate someone online. Please see the complete Texas Online Impersonation statute [here](http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/PE/htm/PE.33.htm#33.07) (<http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/PE/htm/PE.33.htm#33.07>).

Monitoring of computer and Internet usage

Students should have no expectation of privacy in anything they create, store, send, or receive using Neches ISD's technology infrastructure. Neches ISD has the right to monitor any and all aspects of its technology resources.

Data Management

A third party data management company assists the District in capturing and electronically submitting certain data required to be reported to the Texas Education Agency and needed for District operations.

Parental Choice

All Neches ISD students are granted access to all electronic services available. If you **DO NOT** want your student to have access to electronic services, please discuss opt-out options with the campus principal.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

Your signature acknowledges that you have read the acceptable use policy and agree that you and/or your child will abide by the policy.

Student Name (Please print clearly) _____

Campus _____ Grade _____ Student ID _____

Student
Signature _____

Parent/Guardian Name (Please print clearly) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Grades 9-12 will have mandatory annual insurance requirement to cover cost of damages or loss due to mistreatment of their school-issued device. This will be due by September 1st or access to a take-home device will be revoked.

Grades 3-8 will have the option to take the insurance if so desired. This insurance will cover the cost of damages or loss due to mistreatment of their school device. These types of damages can start at \$100 for repairs (IE cracked screen), so it is recommended to opt in.

\$30.00 per year for individual students

\$50.00 per year for siblings attending NISD (maximum 2).

Device _____ Device Serial Number _____

Asset Tag number 58324 (Fill out when getting device)