

VERNON ISD ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION AND INTERNET USE AGREEMENT

You are being given access to the District's electronic communications system. Through this system, you will be able to communicate with other schools, colleges, organizations, and people around the world through the Internet and other electronic information systems/networks. You will have access to hundreds of databases, libraries, and computer services all over the world.

With this educational opportunity comes responsibility. It is important that you read the District policy, administrative regulations, and agreement form and ask questions if you need help in understanding them. Please note that the Internet is a network of many types of communication and information networks. It is possible that you may run across areas of adult content and 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

The District's technology resources will be used only for learning, teaching and administrative purposes consistent with the District's mission and goals. Commercial use of the District's system is strictly prohibited.

Software or external data may not be placed on any computer, whether stand-alone or networked to the District's system, without permission from the Executive Director of Technology or designee.

Other issues applicable to acceptable use are:

1. Copyright: All users are expected to follow existing copyright laws, copies of which may be found in each campus library.
2. Supervision and permission: A staff member only allows student use of the computers and computer network when supervised or granted permission.
3. Attempting to log on or logging on to a computer or email system by using another's password is prohibited: Assisting others in violating this rule by sharing information or passwords is unacceptable.

ON-LINE CONDUCT

1. The system may not be used for illegal purposes, in support of illegal activities, or for any other activity prohibited by District policy.
2. System users may not use another person's system account.
3. System users may redistribute copyrighted programs or data only with the written permission of the copyright holder or designee. Such permission must be specified in the document or must be obtained directly from the copyright holder or designee in accordance with applicable copyright laws, District policy, and administrative regulations.
4. System users may upload public domain programs to the system only with campus technology facilitator written permission. System users may also download public domain programs for their own use but may not redistribute a public domain program. System users are responsible for determining whether a program is in the public domain. Challenges will be settled by the campus technology facilitator.

VANDALISM PROHIBITED

Any malicious attempt to harm or destroy District equipment or materials, data of another user of the Vernon ISD system, or any of the agencies or other networks that are connected to the Internet is prohibited. Deliberate attempts to degrade or disrupt system performance will be viewed as violations of District policy and administrative regulations and, possibly, as criminal activity under applicable state and federal laws. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creating of computer viruses.

Vandalism as defined above will result in the cancellation of system use privileges and will require restitution for costs associated with system restoration, hardware, and/or software costs.

FORGERY PROHIBITED

Forgery or attempted forgery of electronic mail messages is prohibited. attempts to read, delete, copy, or modify the electronic mail of other system users or deliberate interference with the ability of other system users to send/receive electronic mail is prohibited. Failure to comply will result in cancellation of system use privileges.

INAPPROPRIATE USES

- Using the system for any illegal purpose.
- Disabling or attempting to disable any Internet filtering device.
- Encrypting communications to avoid security review.
- Borrowing someone's account without permission.
- Posting personal information about yourself or others (ie. addresses and phone numbers).
- Downloading or using copyrighted information without permission from the copyright holder.
- Intentionally introducing a virus to the computer system.
- Posting messages or accessing materials that are abusive, obscene, sexually oriented, threatening, harassing, damaging to another's reputation, or illegal.
- Wasting school resources through the improper use of the computer system.
- Gaining unauthorized access to restricted information or resources.
- Repeatedly accessing websites that the District considers inappropriate/objectionable or websites that contain materials that the District considers inappropriate/objectionable and/or materials inconsistent with the educational mission, objectives and goals of the school.

CONSEQUENCES FOR INAPPROPRIATE USE

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

Vernon ISD Electronic Communications System and Internet Use Agreement

I understand and will abide by the Electronic Communications and Internet Use Agreement. I understand that any violation of the regulation is unethical and may constitute a criminal offense. Should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked, school disciplinary action may be taken, and/or appropriate legal action.

Printed Name of Student

Student Signature

As the parent or legal guardian of the above student, I grant permission for my son or daughter to access networked computer services such as the Internet. I understand that individuals and families may be held liable for violations of school policy as they apply to Internet and network use. I understand that some materials on the Internet may be inappropriate or offensive, but I accept responsibility for teaching my child the proper standards to follow when selecting, sharing, or exploring information via electronic communication resources. I further understand that Vernon ISD has taken precautions to eliminate controversial material. However, I recognize that it is impossible for Vernon ISD to restrict access to all controversial materials and hereby release the District, its operators and any institutions with which they are affiliated from any and all claims and damages of any nature arising from my child's use of the system.

____ YES I give permission for my child to participate in the District's electronic communications system and the Internet.

____ NO I do not give permission for my child to participate in the District's electronic communications system and the Internet.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Name of Student

Grade

RETURN FORM TO YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL WITHIN 10 DAYS