

Acceptable Use Agreement for Technology Services for Students

General Information

A variety of technology resources are available to students of Gladewater Independent School District (GISD). Our goal in providing these resources is to promote educational excellence and to support the educational objectives of the district. These resources include, but are not limited to, technology devices, software, online programs, and networking equipment.

These guidelines are provided to inform students and parents of the responsibilities students accept when they use technology resources provided by the district. Students and their parents/guardians are expected to review and abide by the guidelines outlined in this policy. Access to these services requires efficient, ethical and legal utilization of technology resources. Students are responsible for their actions while using these resources and for the contents of their data files. Students should have no expectation of privacy of any information stored or accessed from these resources.

Internet Safety

GISD has taken measures to block and/or filter access to undesirable or inappropriate websites. Although these protection measures are in place, it is impossible to filter all undesirable and inappropriate sites. Should a student access a site that is inappropriate, dangerous, threatening, or makes them feel uncomfortable; they should notify their Site Technology Coordinator, teacher or Principal immediately so the site can be added to the district's Internet filtering software. In addition, the district will take appropriate measures to educate, supervise and monitor usage of online activities in accordance to the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) and the Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act.

Student Expectations Regarding the Use of Technology Resources

Students are required to:

- Access resources only when supervised or granted permission by a teacher or campus/district administrator.
- Login to the network using only their own unique login ID and password.
- Request a new password if they suspect their login information has been compromised.
- Save files in storage locations designated by the Site Technology Coordinator.
- Monitor the contents of their files stored on the network and delete unnecessary items.
- Contact the Site Technology Coordinator, teacher or principal if they suspect tampering with their files or storage location.
- Contact the Site Technology Coordinator, teacher or principal if they identify or know about a security problem.
- Contact the Site Technology Coordinator if they suspect or witness another person accessing prohibited system resources.
- Comply with all copyright laws. Copyright guidelines are posted in the library and on the campus/district websites.

Inappropriate Use of Technology Resources

Students are prohibited from the following:

- Accessing undesirable/inappropriate online content that does not support the curriculum (adult sites, illegal activities, chat rooms, etc).
- Using technology resources to participate in inappropriate activities (stalking, bullying, sexual harassment, etc.)
- Using inflammatory or abusive language (racist, terroristic, threatening, demeaning, slanderous, sexual harassment, etc.)
- Using technology resources to participate in illegal activities.
- Accessing and/or distributing copyrighted, obscene, threatening, or protected materials.
- Coaching, helping, joining or acquiescing any authorized activity.
- Using any methods to gain unauthorized access to technology resources.
- Discussing security problems with anyone other than the Site Technology Coordinator, teacher or principal.
- Installing, changing, repairing, or moving technology resources.
- Deleting, examining, copying, or modifying files and/or data belonging to other users.
- Participating in acts of vandalism pertaining to technology resources. (physical damages, viruses, hacking, host file sharing software, etc.)
- Using technology resources in a manner that would disrupt the use to other users.
- Sharing his or her password with anyone, except a teacher and principal.
- Accessing technology resources using anyone else's login ID and password.
- Posting anonymous, unlawful or inappropriate information.
- Using technology resources for financial gain, product advertisement or political activities.
- Revealing theirs or anyone else's personal data (address, phone number, student ID, etc.).
- Invading the privacy of other individuals.

Consequences for Inappropriate Use of Technology Resources

A student not in compliance with the Technology Acceptable Use Agreement could result in the following disciplinary actions.

- Restriction or suspension of access to technology resources.
- User account to technology resources restricted or revoked.
- Other disciplinary or legal action, in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct and applicable laws.

Printed and Electronic Display of Student Work and/or Photo Release

GISD will have opportunities to promote and publicize its educational programs, campus activities and student accomplishments. These publications include, but not limited to, district/campus website, district/campus newsletter, and yearbook. Student 's work or photo, if identified, will be done by first name only or first name last initial in the event that two students are given the same first name.

GISD assumes that your student's image, voice, name, actions, and/or class work may appear on any GISD publication. Parents or guardians desiring to restrict the use of their children's photos or work in GISD publications need to provide a restriction request in writing to their campus administration.

Distance Learning/Videoconferences

GISD students may have opportunities to connect to other schools, specialists, and experts through distance learning programs. In the past, GISD has participated in programs provided by NASA, a variety of zoos, authors, museums and professional sports teams. These programs provide our students with an engaging and unique learning experience. It is possible that your student's image, voice, name, actions, and/or class work may be broadcasted to other sites during these programs.

GISD assumes that your student has permission to participate in distance learning programs. Parents or guardians desiring to restrict their student's involvement in distance learning activities need to provide a restriction request in writing to their campus administration.

Video Surveillance

Video surveillance cameras are located at multiple locations throughout the district and on school buses. All individuals are notified that their presence entering, visiting, and exiting may be recorded.

Warranty and Disclaimer

GISD makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing or services provided by its vendors. The district will not be responsible for any damages you suffer. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, mis-deliveries, or service interruptions caused by its own negligence of your errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at your own risk. GISD specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its services.

Contact Information

If you have any questions regarding GISD's Acceptable Use Agreement for Technology Services, please contact the Technology Department at 903-845-6991 or mail your inquiries to GISD Technology Department, 200 East Broadway, Gladewater, TX 75647.