



Student Acceptable Use Policy

The Garland Independent School District provides a variety of electronic communications systems and hardware for educational purposes. **The electronic communications system 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.** This also includes any access to the Garland ISD electronics system 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. Please note that the Internet is a network of many types of communication and information networks, including Digital resources, and is part of the district's electronic communications systems. Digital applications offer a variety of communication, collaboration, and educational creativity opportunities.

In accordance with the [Children's Internet Protection Act](#), Garland Independent School District educates staff and students regarding appropriate online behavior to ensure Internet safety, including use of email and online resources, and has deployed filtering technology and protection measures to restrict access to inappropriate content such as those that are illegal, obscene, or harmful to minors. While every effort is made to provide the most secure and optimal learning environment, it is not possible to absolutely prevent access (accidental or otherwise) to inappropriate content. If you come across any inappropriate content or communication notify a teacher or parent immediately. **It is each student's responsibility to follow the guidelines for appropriate and acceptable use.**

Appropriate Use

- Students must only open, view, modify, and delete their own computer files.
- Internet use in the classroom must be related to school assignments and projects
- Students will be assigned individual email and network accounts and must use only those accounts and passwords that they have been granted permission by the district to use. All accounting activity should be for educational purposes only.
- Students must immediately report threatening messages or discomfoting Internet files/sites to a teacher.
- Students must always use the district's electronic communications system, including email, wireless network access, and digital tools/resources to communicate only in ways that are kind and respectful.
- Students are always responsible for their use of the district's electronic communications system and must assume personal responsibility to behave ethically and responsibly, even when technology provides them freedom to do otherwise.
- Students who choose to use their own personal device in lieu of a district issued device will use the GISDbyod network for filtering purposes.



Inappropriate Use

- Wireless Hotspots not provided by GISD are prohibited on the GISD network.
- Using the district's electronic communications system for illegal purposes including, but not limited to, cyberbullying, gambling, pornography, and computer hacking.
- Disabling or attempting to disable or bypass any system monitoring or filtering or security measures, including deleting browser history to conceal Internet patterns.
- Sharing usernames and passwords with others; and/or borrowing someone else's username, password, or account access.
- Purposefully opening, viewing, using, or deleting files belonging to another network user without permission.
- Electronically posting personally identifying information about oneself or others (i.e., addresses, phone numbers, and pictures).
- Downloading or plagiarizing copyrighted information without permission from the copyright holder.
- Intentionally introducing a virus or other malicious programs onto the district's network.
- Electronically posting messages or accessing materials that are abusive, obscene, sexually oriented, threatening, harassing, damaging to another's reputation, or illegal.
- Gaining unauthorized access to restricted information or network resources.
- Violating policies regarding the use of technology resources.
- Attempting to access or circumvent passwords or other security-related settings of the district or uploading or creating computer viruses, including off school property if the conduct causes a disruption to the learning environment.
- Attempting to alter or disable district technology resources including, but not limited to, computers and related equipment, district data, or other users' data, including off school property if the conduct causes a disruption to the educational environment.

Cyberbullying

Cyberbullying is the use of any Internet-connected device for bullying, harassing, or intimidating another student. This includes, but may not be limited to:

- Sending, posting, delivering, or possessing electronic messages or media that are abusive, obscene, sexually oriented, threatening, damaging to another's reputation, or illegal either on or off school property, if the conduct causes a disruption to the educational environment or infringes on the rights of another student at school.
- Sending abusive text messages to cell phones, computers, or Internet-connected game consoles.
- Posting abusive comments on someone's social networking site (e.g., Snapchat, TikTok, Instagram or other social networks).
- Creating a social networking site or web page that masquerades as the victim's personal site and using it to embarrass them.
- Making it appear that the victim is posting malicious comments about friends to isolate them from friends.
- Posting the victim's personally identifiable information on a site to put them at greater risk of contact by predators or strangers.
- Sending abusive comments while playing interactive games.
- Recording and distributing media with the intent to manipulate or embarrass others.



Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA)

Students 13 or younger. For students under the age of 13 the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act requires additional parental permission for education software tools that collect personal information about the child. Parents wishing to deny access to these educational tools must do so in writing to the campus principal.

Consequences of 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); and/or
- 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 because of disciplinary actions against the user.
- Possible criminal action.

Bring Your Own Device

It is our goal that students and teachers will collaborate in rich, engaging learning experiences using technology. Students may bring their own technology and utilize personal electronic communication devices at school and at school activities. Students may use these devices in the classroom when the teacher deems them appropriate for educational purposes. All devices must remain silent or be put away unless being used within a lesson during class time. Students may also use devices during non-instructional times, such as passing periods, lunch, and before/after school.

Devices should be clearly labeled with the student's full name. Students are responsible for private property brought to school and should keep personal items with self or in a locked space. Devices should be charged prior to bringing them to school.

In the event the technology is used inappropriately, disciplinary consequences as outlined in the Student Code of Conduct may occur.



Disclaimer

The district's system is provided on an "as is, as available" basis. The district does not make any warranties, whether expressed or implied, including, without limitation, those of fitness for a particular purpose with respect to any services provided by the system and any information or software contained therein. The district uses a variety of vendor-supplied hardware and software. Therefore, the district does not warrant that the functions or services performed by, or that the information or software contained on the system will meet the user's requirements. Neither does the district warrant that the system will be uninterrupted or error-free, nor that defects will be corrected.

Opinions, advice, services, and all other information expressed by system users, information providers, service providers, or other third-party individuals in the system are those of the providers and not necessarily the district.

The district will cooperate fully with local, state, or federal officials in any investigation concerning or relating to misuse of the district's computer systems and networks.

Google Services

Garland ISD licenses a Google Workspace for Education Account for every student, which will include the core Google Services and additional services based on curriculum requirements and grade level.

Microsoft Services

Garland ISD licenses a Microsoft Account for every student, which will include the core Microsoft Services and additional services based on curriculum requirements and grade level.

Term

This policy is binding for the duration of the student's enrollment in GISD.



ACUERDO DEL ESTUDIANTE PARA PARTICIPAR EN EL SISTEMA DE COMUNICACION ELECTRONICA

ID del Estudiante: [input] [input] [input] [input] [input] [input] [input] [input] Grade : [input] [input] [input]

Escuela _____

He leído las políticas del sistema electrónico de comunicación del Distrito y las regulaciones administrativas y estoy de acuerdo a frontarlo estipulado. Entiendo que la violación de lo estipulado puede resultar en la suspensión o revocación de acceso al sistema.

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Nombre del estudiante (Please print)

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Apellido del estudiante (Please print)

Firma del estudiante

Fecha

PADRE O TUTOR PATROCINADOR

He leído las políticas del sistema electrónico de comunicación y regulaciones administrativas del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Garland. En consideración al privilegio del uso del sistema electrónico de comunicación del GISD y en consideración por tener acceso a la red pública de informática, por el presente libero al GISD, sus operadores y cualquier institución con quien estén afiliados de cualquier demanda y daños de cualquier naturaleza que se presenten cuando mi hijo(a) use el sistema o la inhabilidad para usar el mismo, incluyendo, sin límite, el tipo de daño identificado en las normas y regulaciones administrativas del GISD.

Nombre del padre o tutor (imprimir)

Firma del padre o tutor

Dirección

Número de Teléfono

el correo electrónico

Fecha