

Alamo Heights ISD A c c e p t a b l e U s e P o l i c i e s & **Commitment Form (revised 2010)**

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ACCEPTABLE USE OF THE DISTRICT'S ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM	ACCEPTABLE USE OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES
<p>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 database, libraries, and computer services all over the world.</p> <p>With this educational opportunity comes responsibility. It is important that you read the District policy, administrative regulations¹, and AUP form and ask questions if you need help in understanding them. Inappropriate system use will result in the loss of the privilege to use this educational tool.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>RULES FOR APPROPRIATE USE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The account is to be used only for educational purposes. • You are responsible for the account issued to you and you must not share your login and password with any other student. <p>INAPPROPRIATE USE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using the system for illegal purposes. • Posting personal information about yourself or others (such as addresses and phone numbers.) • Downloading or using copyrighted information without permission from the copyright holder. • 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. <p>CONSEQUENCES FOR INAPPROPRIATE USE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suspension of access to the system • Revocation of the accounts provided for students. <p><u>Other disciplinary or legal action, in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct and applicable laws.</u></p>	<p>This Electronic Device Communication Form grants authority and permission to AHISD to regulate electronic communication devices when these devices are brought to and/or used while on school property or when attending school-related functions and events. Such communication devices include but are not limited to laptops, pagers, PDAs, pocket computers, cell phones, and cameras. These regulations are made necessary in light of the unique opportunities these devices create for violations of law, school policies and to perpetrate conduct disruptive of an educational environment essential to the AHISD educational program. These concerns are exacerbated by electronic security protections and the personal size of these devices, which are often carried concealed in pockets and purses.</p> <p>Therefore, all students who would possess or use such devices on school property or at school-related activities are required to sign this form together with their parent, guardian or other adult person having the authority of a parent for school purposes.</p> <p>Each of you, by your signature at the end of this form, agrees to the following:</p> <p>(1) The possession and use of laptops, pagers, PDAs, pocket computers, cell phones, cameras, and other electronic communications devices by a student of AHISD on school property or at school-related events is a privilege and not a right.</p> <p>(2) In consideration for the privilege to possess and use such devices on school property and at school-related events, AHISD is authorized and has my full consent to confiscate, power on or off, manipulate and do all things necessary to search my device and recover or intercept communications (including but not limited to text messaging) when reasonable suspicion exists that such device has been used to transmit or receive communications in violation of law, the Student Code of Conduct, AHISD policy, or AHISD regulation.</p> <p>(3) I further understand, agree and consent that an electronic communication device used or possessed in violation of law, the Student Code of Conduct, AHISD policy, or AHISD regulation is subject to confiscation and may cause the loss of the privilege to possess and use such devices on school property and at school-related events for an indefinite period of time.</p> <p>(4) At the discretion of the teacher, students may use these devices during the school day for instructional purposes.</p> <p>(5) I understand that data transferred using the school district's network is filtered to follow the requirements of the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA). If a student uses another network on their personal device (AT&T 3G or Verizon, for example), the district is unable to filter or monitor its use.</p>

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STUDENT

Name: _____

Grade: _____

I understand that my computer use is not private and that the District will monitor my activity on all electronic devices and systems.

I have read the Acceptable Use Policies and agree to abide by their provisions. I understand that violation of these provisions may result in suspension or revocation of access to any and all electronic devices and/or systems regardless of whether they are district-owned or personal.

Student's signature: _____

Date: _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN

I have read the Acceptable Use Policies and agree to abide by their provisions. In consideration for the privilege of my child using the District's electronic communications system, and in consideration for having the access to the public networks, I 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, or inability to use, the system, including without limitation, the type of damage identified in the District's policy.

Signature of parent: _____

Date: _____

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