

Huntington ISD

Responsible Use Policy

Rationale

Our students use technology to learn. Technology is essential to facilitate the creative problem solving, information fluency, and collaboration that we see in today's world. HISD also wants them to be safe, legal, and responsible. This responsible use policy (RUP) supports our vision of technology use and upholds in our students a strong sense of digital citizenship.

How We Use Technology

The integrated information technology program at Huntington ISD develops in our students the literacy and spatial skills they need to contribute in a connected world. We use technology to facilitate creativity and innovation. We use technology to support communication and collaboration. We use technology to extend research and information fluency, to collect and analyze data and to solve problems. We develop in our students a sound understanding of technology operations and concepts. We believe technology can be transformative and we encourage students to use technology to do what they could not otherwise do. We create a safe online environment for everyone. Filtering software keeps unwanted sites off our computers, and adults supervise our students' computer activities at school.

Our Hardware and Software

Our students can access the internet via both wired and wireless connections that cover the entire school campus. HISD supports a one to one initiative resulting in more than twelve hundred computers distributed throughout classrooms and computer labs. Digital projectors and interactive whiteboards in all the schools facilitate group viewing and discussions. Students in grades 4-12 are also allowed to bring their own mobile device to connect provided they have current antivirus and their machines are updated on a regular basis. The school is not responsible for students who bring their own internet connectivity via air-cards.

Being a Digital Citizen

Respect Yourself and Protect Others

We use technology in safe, legal, and responsible ways. We embrace the following conditions or facets of being a digital citizen.

- I will select online names that are appropriate, and I will consider the information and images that I post online.
- I will protect others by reporting abuse and not recording and/or forwarding inappropriate images, materials, or communications.
- I will not publish my personal details, contact details, or a schedule of my activities.

- I will not use technologies to bully, tease, degrade, harass, embarrass, or defame others.
- I will not pose as another user other than myself when online nor use another person's account without written permission from the site administrator or District coordinator, as appropriate.
- I will not connect to other computer systems through the District network or to make use of those systems unless specifically authorized by the operators of those systems.

Respect and Protect Intellectual Property:

- I will suitably cite any and all use of websites, books, media, etc.; following all copyright laws.
- I will respect the use of software and media others produce.
- I will not access, download or modify accounts, files, or data belonging to others.
- I will follow all filter and security measures.

Consequences for Violations:

- I understand and will follow this Responsible Use Policy. If I break this agreement, the consequences could include suspension of computer privileges and/or disciplinary action.
- I also understand that my school network and e-mail accounts are owned by Huntington ISD and are not private. Huntington ISD has the right to access my information at any time.

Student's Name (please print)

Student's Signature:

Date: _____

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As the parent of guardian of this student, I have read the Responsible Use Policy. I understand that technology is provided for educational purposes in keeping with the academic goals of Huntington ISD, and that student use for any other purpose is inappropriate. I recognize it is impossible for the school to restrict access to all controversial materials, and I will not hold the school responsible for materials acquired on the school network. I understand that children's computer activities at home should be supervised as they can affect the academic environment at school. I hereby give permission for my child to use technology resources at Huntington ISD.

Parent or Guardian's Name (please print)

Parent or Guardian's Signature

Date: _____

Sharing Policy for Students and Parents

The spirit of technology education is one of sharing. We create blogs, podcasts, videos, wikis, and other social media, but we don't create them for one person. We create them to share with the class, the school, and the school community and, perhaps, the world, because we understand that a global audience drives achievement, we might share our work on websites like www.huntingtonisd.com, class blogs, and wikis. These are teacher moderated sites, where students can collaborate online with teacher supervision. Student full names and personal information are always kept confidential and are not shared online.

Will you allow your students' created content like videos, writing blogs, audio and video podcasts, which may include their images, to be shared on the HISD website, blogs, and wikis?

Initial

- Share my child's media on teacher moderated sites _____
- It's only okay to share my child's media with the school community _____
- It's only okay to share my child's media if I approve it first _____

- No, please do not share my child's media outside of class _____