

# Wharton ISD – Acceptable Use Policy for Students

## System Access

It is the policy of Wharton ISD to: (a) prevent user access over its computer network to, or transmission of, inappropriate material via the internet, electronic mail, or other forms of direct electronic communications; (b) prevent unauthorized access and other unlawful online activity; (c) prevent unauthorized online disclosure, use, or dissemination of personal identification information of minors; and (d) comply with the Children’s Internet Protection Act [Pub. L. No. 106-554 and 47 USC 254(h)].

## Online Conduct

1. The individual in whose name a system account is issued will be responsible at all times for its proper use, including securing the password.
2. The system may not be used for illegal purposes, in support of illegal activities, or for any other activity prohibited by District policy.
3. Use for commercial, income-generating or “for-profit” activities, product advertisement, or political lobbying is prohibited by users. Sending unsolicited junk mail, or chain letters, is prohibited.
4. System users may not use another person’s system account without written permission from the District coordinator, as appropriate.
5. System users may not install any software, including but not limited to commercial software, shareware, freeware, original software and/or utilities on school computers or networks.
6. 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 in accordance with applicable copyright laws, District policy, and administrative regulations.
7. Any user who knowingly brings prohibited materials into the school’s electronic environment will be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with District policies.

## Technology Etiquette

System users are expected to observe the following etiquette:

1. Be polite; messages typed in capital letters are the computer equivalent of shouting and are considered rude.
2. Use appropriate language; swearing, vulgarity, ethnic or racial slurs, and any other inflammatory language are prohibited.
3. Pretending to be someone else when sending/receiving messages is considered inappropriate.
4. Transmitting obscene messages or pictures is prohibited.
5. Revealing personal addresses or phone numbers of the user or others is prohibited.
6. Any electronic recordings obtained with the device must be for instructional/education purposes ONLY. No recording should be started, shared or used without all individuals being aware of recording.

## Electronic Media Definition

Electronic media includes all forms of social media, such as text messaging, instant messaging, electronic mail (e-mail), Web logs (blogs), electronic forums (chat rooms), video-sharing Websites, editorial comments posted on the Internet, and social network sites. Electronic media also includes all forms of telecommunication, such as landlines, cell phones, and Web-based applications. (Board Policy DH Local-A, page 1)

## Vandalism Prohibited

Any malicious attempt to harm or destroy District equipment or materials, data of another user of the District’s 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 may 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 will result in the cancellation of system use privileges and will require restitution for costs associated with system restoration, hardware, or software costs.

## Forgery Prohibited

Forgery or attempted forgery of electronic messages is prohibited. Attempts to read, delete, copy, or modify the electronic mail of other system users to send/receive electronic mail is prohibited.

## Revocation of User Account

The District may suspend or revoke a system user’s access to the District’s system upon violation of District policy and/or administrative regulations regarding acceptable use. Termination of an employee’s account or of a student’s access will be effective on the date the principal or District coordinator receives notice of student withdrawal or of revocation of system privileges, or on a future date if so specified in the notice.

## Disclaimer

The District will cooperate fully with local, state, or federal officials in any investigation concerning or relating to misuse of the District’s electronic communications system.

\*\*\*This form is to be filled out by the parent or guardian and returned to your child's campus. One form must be submitted for each child.\*\*\*

**PLEASE PRINT**

Student First Name	Student Last Name	Grade & Campus
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Parent Consent Checklist	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<b>DIRECTORY INFORMATION:</b> I give the District permission to use the child's information including photograph for yearbook, extracurricular activities, birthday recognition, district approved social media, and local newspaper.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<b>RELEASE INFORMATION:</b> Release the identity of personal information (name, grade, school, etc) in response to unrelated to school-sponsored purposes.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<b>RELEASE of STUDENT INFORMATION:</b> I give the District permission to release my child's name, address, and telephone number to a military recruiter or institutions of higher education upon their request without my prior consent.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<b>CONSENT/OPT OUT:</b> I give my child permission to participate in school activities such as WISD Student Climate and Engagement Surveys, student surveys, analysis, or evaluation, known as "protected information surveys."
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<b>DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP ACCEPTANCE:</b> I give my child permission to use computing devices, electronic communications, system/Internet access, and District approved web communication tools. I have read the Digital Citizenship guidelines. I have discussed the rules and consequences with my child as well as consent to the monitoring of my child's use of digital devices and accounts.

**GOOGLE APPS FOR EDUCATION:** I give my child permission to access Wharton ISD Google Apps for Education Account. This account will be used for **EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY** and is filtered and protected to meet requirements of the district and law.

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Google Drive (only)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Google Drive & email (Grades 4-12 Only)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	No, I don't want my child having a district issues Google Account (Google Accts are for educational purposes only.)
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**STUDENT PHOTO/MEDIA/INTERNET RELEASE:** I give the District permission to use the following items for campus and district social media or presentations. (Check ALL that apply.)

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	My child's name, photo and/or video	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	My child's individual or team academic work, creative work, extracurricular accomplishments, multimedia project, or presentation. (Note: Grades associated with student work will NOT be displayed.)
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<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<b>RECEIPT OF 2017-18 WISD EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES INFORMATION:</b> I understand and consent to the student responsibilities set forth in the WISD Extracurricular Activities, Clubs, and Organizations Information section of the handbook. I acknowledge that my child shall be held accountable for the behavior expectations and consequences set forth in the WISD Extracurricular Activities, Clubs, and Organizations Information.
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**Student Consent Form**

**Digital Citizenship:** I have read and understand the Digital Citizenship as it applies to my use of computers, electronic devices and electronic communication networks in Wharton ISD. I agree to abide by all Digital Citizenship guidelines and consent to the monitoring of my electronic devices and my District email account. I understand there may be consequences for violating the rules stated in the Digital Citizenship guidelines, including termination of my privileges.

**2017-2018 WISD Extracurricular Information:** This is to acknowledge that a copy of the 2017-2018 WISD Extracurricular Activities, Clubs, and Organizations Information is available online or in print upon my request. I have read and understand the information contained in the handbook.

**Wharton ISD Student Handbook and Student Code of Conduct for 2017-2018:** I understand that the handbook contains information I may need during the school year and that all students will be held accountable for their behavior and will be subject to the disciplinary consequences outlined in the Board adopted 2017-18 Student Code of Conduct.

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Printed Student Name: _____ Signature _____ ID# _____  Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____
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