

Travis USD Internet Acceptable Use Policy

The district strongly believes in the educational value of the Internet. In this connected world, students must have access to tools that enable them to effectively communicate, collaborate, and create. By providing this access and guiding students to mastery in this area, we promote excellence, prepare students to become effective citizens, and enable them to participate in the global learning community. Teachers will instruct students in the proper use of the Internet and the district network and will guide them toward appropriate materials. Outside of school, families bear the same responsibility as they deal with the Internet, television, movies, radio, telephones and other worldly media. However, students may encounter material that is controversial and that may be considered inappropriate or offensive. It is a shared responsibility of district staff and parents/guardians to supervise student access to Internet content, and it is the student's responsibility to avoid accessing such material.

E-mail accounts enabling communications outside of the school district **may** be assigned to students in grades 9-12. E-mail accounts enabling communications within the school district, and with approved associated systems outside of the district or for special classroom-to-classroom instructional purposes, may be assigned to students in grades TK-12.

Value Statements and Behavioral Expectations

We value communication, collaboration, and creativity, therefore we will:

- Use thoughtful and appropriate words, being mindful of how they may be interpreted by others
- Apply existing knowledge to generate new ideas, products or processes

We value privacy, therefore I will:

- Keep our login accounts and personal identification information confidential
- Understand that anything we do online is public and can be monitored

We value honesty and safety, therefore I will:

- Access, post, submit, publish and display appropriate, constructive, or educational content
- Represent ourselves honestly and seek help from an adult if others do not do the same
- Properly give credit to those whose work we reference in our own projects

We value learning, therefore I will:

- Use the district network responsibly and primarily for educational purposes
- Carefully evaluate the validity of information presented online

We value respect for self and others, therefore I will:

- Use our own accounts exclusively to access devices and the network
- Take proper care of equipment and the networking environment and report misuse to adults
- Not harass, discriminate, intimidate, retaliate, or bully, or in any way violate Board policy, law, or administrative regulation, and shall be subject to appropriate consequence or discipline

AR 6163.4 (Student Use of Technology) contains a list of prohibited behaviors and consequences that can be viewed here: <http://www.gamutonline.net/DisplayPolicy/448316/> (Username: Travis, Password: public)

PARENT/GUARDIAN: If you **DO NOT** want your student to have access to district provided Internet when using electronic devices at school, please contact your student's school via email or physical letter to OPT OUT of Internet Access. This opt out process must take place at the beginning of every school year to remain in effect.