

## **EBCAB    TECHNOLOGY--ACCEPTABLE USE AND INTERNET SAFETY    EBCAB**

All of the district's computers are primarily intended to be used for instructional purposes, and not for entertainment, advertising, recreation, or commercial purposes. Further, use of the district's computer equipment by any person is a privilege, and not a right, and the district reserves the right to prohibit any use which does not further the instructional objectives of the school district.

### **Service Providers**

Persons wishing to use E-mail or access the Internet with district equipment normally housed within district buildings shall only use the service provider identified by the district; i.e., MISD.net with an account ID and/or password provided by the district. Exceptions to this provision can only be made under unusual circumstances, and only upon the approval of the Superintendent.

### **Advance Permission Required**

Unless specific, written, advance approval is obtained from the Superintendent, or designee, the following activities are prohibited:

1. Commercial activity of any sort, including offering goods or services in exchange for anything of value. This does not prohibit job searches by students or members of the public within guidelines established by the administration.
2. Installing software.
3. Downloading software from the Internet or bulletin board systems.
4. Connecting hardware or other devices to district equipment.
5. Reconfiguring existing installations.

### **Prohibited Conduct**

The following activities are prohibited under all circumstances;

1. Accessing visual depictions that are obscene or adult or child pornography.
2. In the case of minors, accessing visual depictions which are harmful to minors.

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3. Use of language which would be inappropriate in a school setting. This includes profanity, vulgarities, sexual references, abusive or degrading terms, threats, or any language that would be objectionable if used in a classroom or in correspondence with the public.
4. Sending chain letters.
5. Any conduct that would violate Board policy GAAD relating to sexual harassment.
6. Soliciting dates or sexual favors, even if the other party does not object.
7. "Flaming", which is defined as sending unsolicited e-mail with the purpose of harassing another person.
8. Sending, accessing, or downloading pictures or descriptions of sexual activity, nudity, genitalia, buttocks, or female breasts, unless this is a part of a legitimate research activity or class assignment.
9. Bypassing or attempting to bypass filters that have been installed by the district.
10. Unauthorized access to other computers or data, or any attempted unauthorized access.
11. Deliberate attempts to install, download, or run a computer virus.
12. Violation of copyright laws or licensing restrictions.
13. Failing to respect the privacy of other users, including seeking information on, obtaining copies of, or modifying files, other data, or passwords belonging to other users, or representing oneself as another user.
14. Collecting or disseminating information on individuals, such as driver's license numbers, social security numbers, banking and credit card information, credit histories, medical records, or other information of a personal nature.
15. Sending or disseminating any information which would be offensive to, or disparaging of any racial, ethnic, religious, or cultural group, if the material would be offensive to a person of ordinary sensibilities.

### Privacy

The district reserves the right, at any time, to access e-mail and any files and records stored on district equipment. Persons intending to send private or confidential messages should not utilize district equipment.

The district reserves the right to monitor any user of the system, and this includes the use of surreptitious surveillance, where the district has reason to believe that a user is violating district policies.

### Minors

In order to ensure the safety and security of minors, and to comply with Section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934, the following special rules apply to minors:

1. All use of district computers with Internet access by minors will be under the direct supervision of an adult employee or volunteer who is physically present in the immediate vicinity during such use.
2. All district computers used by minors will be situated so that monitors, printers, and other output devices can be readily observed by the adult supervisor.
3. The adult supervisor will have the duty to immediately terminate any use by a minor which violates this policy and will be required to report the violation to the building principal or other administrator.

### Technology Protection Measures

All district computers with Internet access will be equipped with a technology protection measure that blocks or filters Internet access to visual depictions that are obscene, child pornography, or harmful to minors. The Superintendent may authorize the disabling of the technology protection measure during use by an adult to enable access for bona fide research or other lawful purpose.

### Education About Appropriate Behavior

*The Superintendent shall immediately take appropriate steps to ensure that all minor students receive education about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking web sites and in chat rooms and cyberbullying awareness and response.*

### **Consequences for Violations**

Any employee violating the provisions of this policy is subject to discipline up to and including discharge.

Any student violating the provisions of this policy is subject to discipline up to and including permanent expulsion from school.

Any other person violating the provisions of the policy may have their privileges restricted or revoked.

Any violations of the law will be reported to appropriate authorities.

### **Definitions**

**Child Pornography** – The term “child pornography” has the meaning given such term in section 2256 of title 18, United States Code.

**Harmful to Minors** – The term “harmful to minors” means any picture, image, graphic image file, or other visual depiction that:

1. Taken as a whole and with respect to minors, appeals to a prurient interest in nudity, sex, or excretion;
2. Depicts, describes, or represents, in a patently offensive way with respect to what is suitable for minors, an actual or simulated sexual act or sexual contact, actual or simulated normal or perverted sexual acts, or a lewd exhibition of the genitals; and
3. Taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value as to minors.

**Minor** – The term “minor” means an individual who has not attained the age of 17.

**Obscene** – The term “obscene” has the meaning given such term in section 1460 of title 18, United States Code.

**Sexual Act; Sexual Contact** – The terms “sexual act” and “sexual contact” have meanings given such terms in section 2246 of title 18, United States Code.

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