SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Acceptable Use Policy for Electronic Communications System

Dear Parents:

The San Antonio Independent School District has established a District-wide electronic communications system to facilitate the educational process. This system allows access to the Internet. This global resource can extend students' educational experiences far beyond those currently available through other means.

Along with the use of this resource come certain responsibilities. Though all training in the use of the District's telecommunications network will emphasize the ethical use of this resource, it is possible that your child may come across some materials you might find unacceptable. While the District will take reasonable steps to prevent access to such material through electronic filtering and classroom management, it is not possible for the District to guarantee that it can completely prevent such access.

Please take a few minutes to speak with your child regarding the Student Acceptable Use Policy below. Although District teachers and administrators will continue to emphasize proper behavior, your help in stressing the importance of the guidelines will go a long way toward ensuring compliance. I ask that you read the Student Acceptable Use Policy below and sign the acknowledgement form regarding the SAISD electronic communications system.

Sincerely,

Superintendent of Schools

STUDENT ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY
FOR THE ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

You are being given access to the District's electronic communications system. It will be your responsibility to follow the rules for appropriate use.

Safety of Self and Others:
- System users will report to their teachers or other school personnel any message received that is inappropriate or makes them feel uncomfortable.
- System users will not reveal personal information about themselves or others.
- System users will not agree to meet with someone they met online without parental knowledge and participation.
- System users will not use the system to threaten others.
- System users will use appropriate language for the educational environment and for the educational activity in which they are currently involved (no swearing, vulgarity, ethnic or racial slurs, or any other inflammatory or threatening language).
- System users will not transmit (send or receive) obscene pictures or messages.

Access and Uses:
- System users will not send messages under a false identity.
- System users will not access e-mail, files, and/or other documents of other users without permission.
- System users will not use the Internet for financial gain or for political or commercial activity.
- System users will not use the system for purchasing products or services.

Copyright Laws:
- System users will be aware of copyright laws and will follow them.

Illegal Activities:
- System users will not use the system for illegal purposes or any other activity prohibited by District policy.

System Security:
- System users will not attempt to harm equipment, materials or data.
- System users will not knowingly infect a computer or network with a virus.
- System users will not knowingly disrupt the network.
- System users will not provide passwords to other users.
- System users will always report any known violations of the SAISD Acceptable Use Guidelines to a teacher or administrator.

Respect for System Limitations:
- System users will not download large files unless absolutely necessary.