



Student Responsible Use Technology Agreement

Please return the last page of this agreement, signed by student and parent.

Fort Hancock ISD provides an array of technology resources for student use. The purpose of the resources is to assist in preparing students for success in life and work in the 21st century. Technology is essential to facilitate the creative problem solving, information fluency, and collaboration that we see in today's global economy. While we want our students to be active contributors in our connected world, we also want them to be safe, legal, and responsible. This agreement outlines appropriate use when using the Fort Hancock ISD technology resources. Every student is expected to follow all guidelines stated below, as well as those given orally by the staff, and to demonstrate good citizenship and ethical behavior at all times.

Responsible Use Guidelines

The purpose of a Fort Hancock ISD user account/session is to access the Fort Hancock ISD network and to facilitate creativity and innovation. We use this network to support communication and collaboration. We use technology to extend research and information fluency, to collect and analyze data and to solve problems.

FHISD user accounts are owned by the FHISD. There is no expectation of privacy in the use of FHISD technology. Student user accounts/sessions and activities, including all online activities are subject to monitoring. All digital files and online activities may be retrieved by Fort Hancock ISD staff at any time, with or without notice, with or without cause and without the permission of any student or parent/guardian. Fort Hancock ISD reserves the right to monitor all accounts/sessions in order to maintain system integrity and to ensure responsible use.

A content filtering solution is in place that will block, filter, and prevent access to certain sites and images that may contain inappropriate matter, including pornography, weapons, illegal drugs, gambling, and any other topics deemed to be harmful and of non-educational value by the FHISD. The FHISD is not responsible for the content accessed by users who connect via their own wireless service (cellphones, air-cards, etc.).

Students are not permitted to access, transmit, retrieve or store materials that are discriminatory, harassing, violent, obscene, pornographic, or inappropriate. Should students encounter such material by accident, they should report it to their teacher immediately. The use of district online systems for personal gain, political lobbying or any purpose other than educational uses is illegal and against district policy. Such use is not permitted.

Government Laws

Technology is to be utilized in conformity with laws of the United States and State of Texas. Violations include, but are not limited to, the following:

Criminal Acts – These include, but are not limited to, “hacking” or attempting to access computer systems without authorization, harassing email, cyberbullying, cyberstalking, child pornography, vandalism, and/or unauthorized tampering with computer systems.

Libel Laws – You may not publicly defame people through the published material, email, etc.

Copyright Violations - Copying, selling or distributing copyrighted material without the express written permission of the author or publisher (users should assume that all materials available on the Internet are protected by copyright), engaging in plagiarism (using other's words or ideas as your own).

Responsible Use and Digital Citizenship

Respect Yourself: Students will use technology resources productively and responsibly for school related purposes. Students will be polite and use appropriate language/content in all online posts and communications. Students will select online names that are appropriate, and students will consider the information and images that they post online.

Protect Yourself: Students will not publish personal details, contact details, or a schedule of activities for themselves or anyone else. Students understand that it is their responsibility to appropriately secure their account credentials. Students will notify a teacher immediately if by accident they encounter materials which violate appropriate use or if they are uncertain whether a specific computer activity is permitted or appropriate. Students will notify a teacher immediately if they receive requests for personal identifying information or contact from unknown individuals.

Respect Others: Students will not use technologies to bully, harass or tease other people. Students will not make audio or video recordings of students/employees without their prior permission. Students understand that posting or pretending to be someone else is forbidden and they will not pose as a user other than themselves when online. Students understand that they represent the school district in all their online activities and that what they do on social networking websites should not reflect negatively on fellow students, teachers, or on the district.

Protect Others: Students will help maintain a safe computing environment by notifying a teacher on campus of inappropriate behavior, vulnerabilities, risks, and breaches involving campus technology.

Respect Intellectual Property: Students will respect all copyright guidelines and suitably cite any and all use of websites, books, media, etc.

Protect Intellectual Property: Students will request to use the software and media others produce. Students will refrain from attempting to bypass, or circumvent security settings or Internet filters, or interfering with the operation of the network by installing illegal software, web-based services and/or software not approved by Fort Hancock ISD.

Educate Yourself: Students are to abide by all Internet safety guidelines that are provided by the school and to complete all assignments related to appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites in chat rooms and cyberbullying awareness.

Disclaimer of Liability

Fort Hancock ISD shall not be liable for the user's inappropriate use of the District's technology resources or violations of copyright restrictions, users' mistakes or negligence, or cost incurred by users. FHISD shall not be responsible for ensuring accuracy or usability of any information found on the Internet.

Data contained in the FHISD technology resource systems remain the property of Fort Hancock Independent School District. Electronic mail transmissions and other use of FHISD technology resource systems including Internet access and data storage shall not be considered confidential and may be monitored by authorized individuals at any time to ensure appropriate use for educational purposes.

Consequences

All FHISD students will abide by this Responsible Use Technology Agreement. Noncompliance with the guidelines contained in this document and in Board policy CQ may result in suspension or termination of technology privileges and other disciplinary actions. Disciplinary actions will be tailored to meet specific concerns related to the violation. The district cooperates fully with local, state, or federal officials in any investigation concerning or relating to violations of computer crime laws. District and campus administrators will determine what is considered to be inappropriate use of the FHISD computer network and may suspend an account or network access at any time.

Note: This document takes effect on the first day of school. All users will be expected to adhere to the provisions outlined within it.