

## ALDINE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE GUIDELINES AND CONSENT FORM

New technologies are changing the ways information may be accessed, communicated, and transferred. To take advantage of these technological advances, Aldine Independent School District (ISD) offers students access to the Internet. The Internet can be a valuable learning tool that allows people to interact with hundreds of thousands of computers and networks. Students will be able to explore libraries, databases, bulletin boards, and other resources, while exchanging messages with people all over the world.

Along with access to computers and people worldwide comes the availability of materials that may not be considered appropriate in the classroom. However, on a global network it is impossible to control all materials. Aldine ISD has a filter program designed to block access to inappropriate sites, but it is not foolproof. Ultimately, the school staff and parents/guardians of minors will establish and convey the standards that students should follow when using media and information sources. Aldine ISD supports and respects each family's right to decide whether or not to allow their children to apply for access to the Internet.

Students are responsible for good behavior on school computer networks just as they are in the classroom or on school property. Communications on the network are public in nature. General school rules for behavior and communications apply.

The Internet is provided for students to conduct research, use instructional materials, and communicate with others in relation to educational activities. Access to network services through teacher guidance is given to students at no charge who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. Parent permission is required. *Access is a privilege, not a right.* Therefore, based upon the acceptable use guidelines outlined in this document, the campus administrators will deem what is inappropriate use and their decisions will be final. The administration, faculty, and staff of Aldine ISD may deny, revoke, or suspend a student's access to the Internet.

Individual users of the Internet are responsible for their use of the network. The use of their account must be in support of education and research and must be consistent with academic expectations of Aldine ISD. Use of other organizations' networks or computing resources must comply with the rules appropriate for that network. Transmission of any material in violation of U. S. or state regulations including copyrighted, threatening, or obscene materials is prohibited. Violating this agreement or the Aldine ISD Acceptable Use Guidelines may result in legal action including, but not limited to, criminal prosecution under appropriate state and federal laws. Commercial activities by for-profit organizations, product promotion, political lobbying, or illegal activities are strictly prohibited.

Aldine ISD will abide by the Children's Internet Protection Act of 2001 (CIPA). Specifically, these criteria will be followed:

1. Filtering will be provided for all Internet enabled computers used by students, patrons, and staff
2. Filtering will be disabled only for bona fide research or other lawful purposes
3. Online activities of minors will be monitored for appropriate use
4. Safe and secure use by minors of direct electronic communications (including e-mail, chat rooms, and instant messaging) will be assured. All students will receive instruction on the safe use of the Internet, including safety precautions for e-mail, online chat, instant messaging, texting and other online behaviors.
5. Unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors is prohibited.

The user is expected to abide by the following network rules:

- Be polite and use appropriate language. Do not send abusive messages using vulgarities or any other inappropriate language.
- Realize that electronic mail is not private. People who operate the system have access to all mail.
- Do not view or transmit materials that may be considered obscene. *Sending or receiving offensive messages or pictures from any source will result in immediate suspension of privileges, and referral to administration for discipline.*
- Notify the staff member in charge immediately if inappropriate material is found.
- Do not use the network to reveal the personal address or phone number of yourself, your family or other students.
- Do not communicate any credit card number, bank account number, or any other financial information.
- Do not use the network in such a way that would disrupt the use of the network by other users.
- Do not move, delete, overwrite, or in any way destroy another user's data.
- Realize that any contamination, deletion, reconfiguration of data, or any action that disrupts system performance will be considered an act of vandalism.
- Passwords will be protected by the user at all times. Passwords must not be stored insecurely or shared. Passwords must be changed immediately when prompted to do so.

Violation of any of the above rules and responsibilities will result in a loss of access and may result in other disciplinary or legal actions.

### STUDENT INTERNET USE AGREEMENT AND PARENT PERMISSION FORM

After reading the *Internet Acceptable Use Guidelines*, please complete this form to indicate that you agree with the terms and conditions outlined. The signatures of both the student and parent/guardian are mandatory before Internet access will be granted. This document reflects the entire agreement and understanding by all parties. As a user of the Aldine ISD computer network, I have read and hereby agree to comply with the *Internet Acceptable Use Guidelines*.

Student Name (Please Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

As parent/guardian of the student signing above, I grant permission for my child to access networked computer services such as electronic mail and the Internet. I have read and agree to the *Internet Acceptable Use Guidelines* and I understand that I may be held responsible for violations by my child. I understand that some materials on the Internet may be objectionable; therefore, I agree to accept responsibility for guiding my child, and conveying to her/him appropriate standards for selecting, sharing and/or exploring information and media.

Parent/Guardian Name (Please Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Day time Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_