STUDENT ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

As a student of Edgewood Independent School District, you are being given access to the District's electronic communications system. Through this system, you will be able to communicate with other schools, colleges, organizations, and people around the world through the Internet and other electronic information systems/networks. You will have access to hundreds of databases, libraries, and computer services all over the world. With this educational opportunity comes responsibility. It is important that you read the District policy, administrative regulations, and agreement form and ask questions if you need help in understanding them.

Inappropriate system use will result in the loss of the privilege to use this educational tool. Please note that the Internet is a network of many types of communication and information networks. It is possible that you may run across areas of adult content and some material you (or your parents) might find objectionable. While the District, through compliancy with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), will use filtering technology to restrict access to such material, it is not possible to absolutely prevent such access. It will be your responsibility to follow the rules for appropriate use.

Wireless connectivity throughout the district will allow students the opportunity to bring their own devices (BYOD) to school. These devices will include laptops, cell phones, ipads, tablets, etc. To use a wireless device through EISD's wireless technology, students will be required to login to the filtering device the same as using a school issued computer. Each campus will have rules in place for when and where these devices are allowed.   Please refer to campus handbooks for specific rules on BYOD usage per campus.

RULES FOR APPROPRIATE USE
- You will be assigned an individual account, and are responsible for not sharing the password for that account with others.
- The account is to be used only for identified educational purposes.
- You will be held responsible at all times for the proper use of your account, and the District may suspend or revoke your access if you violate the rules.

INAPPROPRIATE USE
- Using someone else's account without permission.
- Posting personal information about yourself or others (such as addresses and phone numbers).
- Using any type of message board, instant messaging, chat rooms, social software (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat, etc) or non-school related email during school hours or from any school computer.
- Posting messages and accessing and/or displaying in class any material that is abusive, violent in nature, obscene, sexually oriented, threatening, harassing, damaging to another's reputation, or illegal.
- Disabling or attempting to disable any Internet filtering device or attempting to go around the firewall.
- Gaining unauthorized access to restricted information or resources.
- Wasting school resources through the improper use of the computer system. (ie. Playing games in class)
- Intentionally introducing a virus to the computer system.
- Downloading or using copyrighted information without permission from the copyright holder.
- Using the system for any illegal purpose.
- Encrypting communications to avoid security review.
- Not immediately reporting any misuse, whether accidental or not, that you have either experienced or witnessed.

CONSEQUENCES FOR INAPPROPRIATE USE
- Suspension of access to the system;
- Revocation of the computer system account; or other disciplinary or legal action, in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct and applicable laws.

Please note that assignments that require computer usage are still part of the student's grade and being denied access will result in failure of those assignments and the possible loss of class credit.