

Hughes Springs ISD Acceptable Internet Use Policy

In this document the word "user" refers to anyone who accesses the HSISD Network: including students, staff and parents.

Users' Rights and Responsibilities Connected to the Internet

Misuse can come in many forms, but can be viewed as any message sent or received that indicate or suggest pornography, unethical or illegal solicitation, racism, sexism, or inappropriate language. Other misuses also include downloading or installing programs on any district computer without the permission of the network administrator, participation in any type of online game without permission from the network administrator, participation in any type of online gambling, causing physical damage to the computer including tampering with any sticker or badge on the computer(s) used, listening to music from the internet without permission from the network administrator, listening to music from CD without the permission of computer lab's administrator or teacher responsible for the computers, and/or users in the computer lab or classroom printing any materials that are not for educational purposes. All rules of conduct described in the campus handbooks apply when accessing the network and/or Internet. As a representative of this school, the user will accept responsibility for any misuse of the Hughes Springs ISD Internet. The user will also report any misuse by others to the Hughes Springs ISD administration, appropriate teacher, and/or the network administrator.

User Privacy

Users: Do not reveal your home address, personal phone number, or the address and phone number of users, teachers, administrator, or colleagues. Also, never agree to meet someone in person you have only spoken to on the internet.

User Electronic Mail (E-mail)

Any electronic mail (e-mail) is not guaranteed to be private by Hughes Springs ISD. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities must be reported to the administrations and/or network administrator immediately.

Disruptions

Users: Do not use the Internet/network in any way that would disrupt use of the network by others. Do not use the Internet/network in any way that would disrupt the classroom and/or instruction being given by the instructor. Never swear, use vulgarities, or any other inappropriate language. Illegal activities of any kind are strictly forbidden.

Acceptable Internet Use Policy Disclaimer

Hughes Springs ISD makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the information technology services it provides its users and is not responsible for any damages suffered by users. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, mis-deliveries, or service interruptions caused by its negligence or user error or omissions. Hughes Springs ISD is not responsible for phone/credit card information, bills, or any other charges incurred by users. Use of any information via the Internet is at the user's own risk. Hughes Springs ISD specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its information technology services.

Acceptable Internet Use Policy Disclaimer (continued)

Hughes Springs ISD will make every possible effort to protect users and teachers from any misuse or abuses as a result of their experiences with the Internet. All users must avoid inappropriate and illegal interaction with the Internet.

Hughes Springs ISD provides Wi-Fi or wireless internet access in some location of the district at this time. All policies stated in the *Acceptable Internet Use Policy* apply to users bringing a personal computer such as a laptop and connecting to the school's network via any of the Wi-Fi connection points. Hughes Springs ISD is not responsible for any damages

that may result from bringing a personal computer; this includes physical damages to the computer, hardware failure of any kind, or any type of software failure or corruption.

Users are responsible for their behavior on any computer throughout the district, whether district owned or personal. General school rules for behavior and communication apply for any computer usage. Users or parents/guardians are responsible for damages that may occur to a computer being used by a user when any of the above regulations are not being met. The network is provided for users and teachers to conduct research and communicate with others in a manner that is in accordance with the educational goals of Hughes Springs ISD. Access to network services will only be provided to users who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. Use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right and all Internet usage is subject to the administration, technology director, and/or network administrator(s) review for virus scanning, spy-ware, or signs of inappropriate use.

STUDENTS : By signing the **Parent/User Acknowledgement Form for the Acceptable Internet Use Policy** you are acknowledging that you understand and will abide by the provisions and conditions listed as rights and responsibilities connected to the Internet (electronic information resources) use at Hughes Springs ISD. You are acknowledging that you understand that any violations of above provisions may result in disciplinary action, the revoking of my user account and appropriate legal action. You are also agreeing to report any misuse of the Internet to the administrator. All rules of conduct described in the campus handbooks apply when accessing network and/or Internet. You are also acknowledging that you understand that Hughes Springs ISD retains the right to withdraw your account privileges at any time and for any reason.

PARENTS: Parents, by signing the **Parent/User Acknowledgement Form for the Acceptable Internet Use Policy** you are giving HSISD permission to issue an account for your son/daughter. You are also acknowledging that you understand that while Hughes Springs ISD has done everything possible to restrict access to all controversial materials that may be found on the Internet, it is impossible to restrict access to all controversial materials that may be found on the Internet. It is impossible to guarantee total compliances; therefore, you will not hold Hughes Springs ISD responsible for materials acquired on the network. You are also agreeing to report any misuse of the Internet/network to the Hughes Springs ISD administration, appropriate teacher, and/or the network administrator. You are accepting full responsibility for supervision if and when your child uses his/her account while not in a school setting.

All Users under the age of 18 years must also have the signature of a parent/guardian who has also read this policy.