



Big Sandy Independent School District

Acceptable Use Policy

Big Sandy ISD provides a full range of electronic information services to students and faculty, including internet access. We strongly believe in the educational value of such electronic services and recognize their potential and support of our curriculum and student learning goals of our school.

Please read this document carefully. When signed by you it becomes a legally binding contract. We must have your signature before we can provide you with any network access from our campus.

1. **Privileges:** The use of the information system is a *privilege*, not a right.
2. **Inappropriate use** will result in a cancellation, of those privileges. Illegal or inappropriate activities, including games, downloading software, downloading or listening to music files or use of the network in any way that would disrupt network use by others, or activities of any kind that do not conform to the rules, regulations and policies of the Big Sandy Independent School District, are forbidden. The system administrator (s) may close an account at any time deemed necessary. The administration, staff, or faculty of Big Sandy ISD may deny, revoke, modify, or suspend specific user accounts at any time.
3. **Personal Responsibility:** As a representative of this school, I will accept personal responsibility for reporting any misuse of the Big Sandy ISD Internet access to the system administrator. Misuse can come in many forms, but is commonly viewed as any message (s) sent or received that indicate or suggest pornographic, unethical or illegal solicitation, racism, sexism, inappropriate language, and other issues described below. All the rules of conduct described in the Big Sandy ISD Student Handbook apply when

you use the network.

4. **Acceptable use:** The use of my assigned account must be in support of education and research and with the educational goals and objectives of Big Sandy ISD. I am personally responsible for this provision at all times when using the electronic information service.
 - a. Use of other organizations' networks or computing resources must comply with rules appropriate to that network.
 - b. Transmission of any material in violation of any United States or other state regulation is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to: copyrighted materials, threatening or obscene material, or material protected by trade secret, downloading software.
 - c. Use for commercial activities by for-profit institutions is not acceptable without board approved.
 - d. Use for product advertisement or political lobbying is prohibited.

I am aware that the inappropriate use of electronic information; resources can be a violation of local, state and federal laws and I that I can be prosecuted for violating those laws.

5. **Network Etiquette and Privacy:** You are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These rules include (but are not limited to) the following:
 - a. Be polite. Never send, or encourage others to send, abusive messages.
 - b. Use appropriate language. Remember that you are a representative of our school district on a non-private system. You may be alone with your computer, but what you say and do can be viewed globally! Never swear, use vulgarities, or any other inappropriate language. Illegal activities of any kind are strictly forbidden.
 - c. Privacy. Do not reveal your home address or personal phone number or the address and phone numbers of students or colleagues.
 - d. Electronic mail (e-mail) is not guaranteed to be private. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities must be reported to the authorities.
 - e. Disruptions. Do not use the network in any way that would disrupt use of the network by others.
 - f. There is no expectation of privacy. The system administrator (s) will have the right to view any and all activities initiated through your account, with or without your knowledge or permission.
 - g. Other Considerations:
 - * Do be brief. Fewer people will bother to read a long message.
 - * Do minimize spelling errors. Make sure your message is easy to understand and read.
 - * Do use accurate and descriptive titles for your articles. Tell people what it is about before they read it.
 - * Do get the most appropriate audience for your message, not the wid-

est.

- * Do remember that humor and satire are very often misinterpreted.
- * Do remember that if you post to multiple groups, specify all groups in a single message.
- * Do cite references for any facts you present.
- * Do forgive the spelling and grammar errors of others.
- * Do keep signatures brief.
- * Do remember that all network users are human beings.
- * Do post only to groups you know.
- * Don't "attack" correspondents; persuade them with facts.

6. **Services:** Big Sandy ISD makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. Big Sandy ISD will not be responsible for any damages suffered while on this system. These damages include loss of data as a result of delays, non-deliveries, mis-deliveries, or service interpretations caused by the system, or your errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via the information system is at your own risk. Big Sandy ISD specifically disclaims any responsibility for the access of information obtained through its services.
7. **Security.** Never use another individual's account. All use of the system or systems must be under your own account or under the approval of a Big Sandy ISD staff person. Attempting to log on or logging on to a computer or e-mail system by using another's password is prohibited; assisting others in violating this rule by sharing information or passwords is unacceptable. If you identify any security problem, notify the system administrator or appropriate teacher at once. Any user identified as a security risk will be denied access to the information system.
8. **Vandalism:** Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm, destroy, or alter data of another user or any other agencies or networks that are connected to the system. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses. Any vandalism will result in the loss of computer services, disciplinary action, and/or legal referral.

Student Signature of Agreement:

Rules of conduct are described in this "Student Acceptable Use Agreement for Big Sandy Independent School District" and apply when the electronic information system is in use. I understand any violations of the above provisions will result in the loss of my user account and may result in further disciplinary and/or legal action, including but not limited to suspension or expulsion, or referral to legal authorities. I therefore agree to maintain acceptable standards and to report any misuse of the system to the appropriate teacher or administrator. Also, should I choose to "publish" on the Internet, I will work under the guidance of a content sponsoring teacher.

Misuse or violation of this agreement comes in many forms, but can be viewed as any messages, information or graphics sent or received that include/suggest pornography, unethical or illegal solicitation, racism, sexism, inappropriate language, and/or other listings previously described in this user

agreement. I agree to report any misuse of the electronic information resources to my principal, teacher/supervisor or systems administrator.

Student:

I have read this Acceptable Use Agreement and understand that Internet sites are filtered and that Internet use on my district computer may be monitored. I hereby agree to comply with the above described conditions of acceptable use.

Student Name (please print): _____ Grade: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN:

As the parent or guardian of the above named student, **I have read this Acceptable Use Agreement and understand that Internet sites are filtered and that electronic information resource accounts may be monitored.** I understand my child may be disciplined for inappropriate or unacceptable use of electronic information resources. I further understand that student use of the electronic information resource system is designed for educational purposes. I understand that it is impossible for Big Sandy Independent School District to filter or restrict access to all inappropriate materials. I will not hold the Big Sandy Independent School District responsible for inappropriate or unacceptable materials my child may acquire on the network system. I hereby give my permission and approve the issuance of an electronic account for my child.

Parent/Guardian Name (please print): _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____