

Highland ISD

Educational Technology and Acceptable Use

We are steadily acquiring computers for school use and access to other instructional and research resources through connections to the Internet and the World Wide Web. These electronic instructional resources are for use at school and for school-related purposes. Before your child is permitted to receive a User Identification and password to use school computers, you and your child must sign a User Agreement that explains acceptable and unacceptable use of school educational technology. You will have the choice to prevent your child from having access to the Internet on school computers.

The following kinds of use of the school's equipment or network are classified as unacceptable under our policy and the User Agreement:

1. Unauthorized use of copyrighted material, including installing any personal software on district equipment without approval of the Technology Coordinator.
2. Posting or distributing threatening, racist, harassing, excessively violent, or obscene material.
3. Personal political use to advocate for or against a position or a candidate, except when the activity is to fulfill an assignment for class credit.
4. Tampering with anyone else's computer, files, or e-mail.
5. Forgery of messages or sending unsolicited junk e-mail.
6. Using the computer to violate the student code of conduct.
7. Using the computer for commercial activities or commercial gain.
8. Advertising for the purchase or sale of any product.

Students who violate the terms of the User Agreement may lose their computer privileges at school, as well as incur consequences under the school's Student Code of Conduct.