

# Argyle Independent School District

## Internet Access and Responsible Use Policy (RUP) Signature Page – Student

### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of computer network use, including internet access, shall be to support education and academic research in and among the schools in the Argyle School District by providing unique resources and the opportunity for collaborative work.

Network facilities shall be used to support the District's curriculum and to support communications and research for students, teachers, administrators, and support staff.

### **AUTHORITY**

The Argyle School District reserves the right to monitor and log network use and files server space utilization by District users. It is often necessary to access user accounts in order to perform routine maintenance and security tasks. User accounts are therefore the property of the Argyle School District.

Students should have no expectation of privacy or confidentiality in the content of electronic communications, internet access, or other computer files sent and received on the school computer network or stored in his/her directory.

The school computer network system operator, or other authorized school employee, may at any time and without prior warning, review the subject, content, and appropriateness of electronic communications, internet access or other computer files, and remove them if warranted, reporting any violation of rules to the school administration or law enforcement officials. The District reserves the right to remove a user account from the network to prevent further unauthorized or illegal activity if this activity is discovered.

## **RESPONSIBLE USE**

The use of the computer network and other digital technology must be in support of education and research and consistent with the educational objectives of the Argyle School District. Use of network and computer resources must comply with the Responsible Use Policy. Network accounts are to be used only by the authorized owner of the account for authorized purposes.

Use of unauthorized 3G / 4G networks to access the Internet and its content is prohibited. Use of any District computer and other digital technology, unless and until the individual has signed this form is prohibited.

Students are required to submit a responsible use agreement signed by the student and a parent at the beginning of each school year. The responsible use agreement shall remain in effect until a new agreement is signed.

The determination of appropriate use lies solely within the discretion of the Argyle School District.

## **PROHIBITIONS**

The use of the computer network for illegal, inappropriate, or unethical purposes by students or employees is prohibited. More specifically, the following uses are prohibited:

1. Use of the network to facilitate or engage in inappropriate or illegal activity.
2. Use of the network for commercial, monetary, or political purposes.
3. Use of the network for non-work or non-school related work.
4. Use of the network for hate mail, discriminatory remarks, bullying or threatening, or offensive or inflammatory communication.
5. Unauthorized or illegal installation, distribution, reproduction, plagiarism, or use of copyrighted materials and/or use of any software or Internet site in violation of any applicable licensing agreement or applicable terms of use.

6. Use of the network to access, send, receive or transmit obscene, sexually explicit or pornographic material, or materials harmful to minors, or failure to report (to a teacher for students and to the network administrator for District employees) any time when s/he inadvertently visits or accesses a pornographic site.
7. Use of inappropriate language or profanity on the network.
8. Use of the network to transmit material likely to be offensive, objectionable, or that presents real or potential disruption to the learning environment.
9. Use of the network to intentionally, willfully, maliciously, or through reckless indifference, obtain or modify files, passwords, and data belonging to other users.
10. Impersonation of another user, anonymity, and pseudonyms.
11. Use of network facilities for fraudulent copying, communications, or modification of materials in violation of copyright laws.
12. Destruction, modification, or abuse of network hardware and software.
13. Attempting to bypass, disable or circumvent any filter, blocking software or other security measure that may be used or installed by the District.
14. Intentionally entering any secure or confidential area of the District's systems, network(s), computers or other digital technology without proper authority.
15. Knowingly infecting any computer with any virus.
16. Deleting or removing any program, application, security feature, or virus protection from any district computer or other digital technology.
17. Planting any virus, pornography, or other prohibited content or software on anyone's computer or other digital technology.

## **WEB 2.0/SOCIAL MEDIA**

Argyle School District social media guidelines encourage students and staff to work, learn, and share information collaboratively using Web 2.0 tools. Our Learning Management System (LMS)<sup>1</sup> offers many of these tools in a secure, controlled environment. To maintain a safe environment for the students, online activities should take place within the LMS whenever possible. It is important to create an atmosphere of trust and individual accountability, keeping in mind that information produced by Argyle School District students is a reflection on the entire District and is subject to the District's Responsible Use Policy (AUP).

The growing use of social media (online posting and collaboration) should be considered an extension of the classroom. Any online activity that would not be appropriate in the classroom should not be conducted online. School policy and consequences extend to the online learning environment.

Students should at all times respect the privacy of the community. Do not divulge or post online personal information about any members of the school community without permission. High standards for appropriate online communication must be maintained. Digital information may leave a long--lasting or even permanent record with the possibility of becoming public without your knowledge or consent.

## **CONSEQUENCES**

The network user shall be responsible for damages to the equipment, systems, and software resulting from deliberate or willful acts.

Failure to follow the procedures and prohibited uses previously listed in this policy may result in loss of network access.

Illegal use of the network; intentional deletion or damage to files of data belonging to others; copyright violations of theft of services will be reported to the appropriate legal authorities for possible prosecution.

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<sup>1</sup> A Learning Management System (LMS) is software application for the administration, documentation, tracking, reporting and delivery of electronic educational technology education courses or training programs.

Violations of this policy by a student may result in corrective action up to and including suspension, expulsion, or criminal action.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

I have read, understood and agree to abide by the Argyle School District Internet Access and Usage Policy.

**ARGYLE ISD RESPONSIBLE USE POLICY - SIGNATURE PAGE**

By signing below you are agreeing to the Argyle School District Responsible Use Policy and its terms. If your child is under the age of 13, and you DO NOT want them to participate in Google Apps for Education, please check the box below.

I DO NOT want my child to participate in Google Apps for Education

Student Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If you feel that your child should not participate in any technology, please request a technology opt-out form from the campus office.