



## Student Acceptable Use Policy

We live in a changing world, where we have more and faster access to information than before. Donna Independent School District strives to be a 21st Century district taking advantage of the many new technologies and new communication methods available for our students.

Donna Independent School District provides a variety of electronic communications online forms for educational purposes. The electronic communications are defined as the District's network that includes servers, wireless network, computer workstations, mobile technologies, applications, databases, online resources, Internet access, district email, and any other technology available for use by students. This also includes any access to Donna ISD electronics system while on premises or away from school property. Please note that the Internet is a global computer network providing a variety of information and communication facilities, consisting of interconnected networks using standardized communication protocols. Digital resources are part of the district's electronic communications that offers an array of communication, collaboration, and educational creativity opportunities.

In accordance with the Children's Internet Protection Act, Donna Independent School District instruct staff and students regarding appropriate online behavior to ensure Internet safety through the use of emails and online resources. Donna ISD had deployed content filtering and protection measures to restrict access to inappropriate content that are illegal, obscene, or harmful to minors. DISD strives to provide the most secure and optimal learning environment but it is impossible to prevent accidental or mischievous access to inappropriate content. It is the students' responsibility to follow the guidelines for appropriate and acceptable use.

### **APPROPRIATE USE:**

1. Students may open, view, modify and delete their own computer files.
2. Internet use is for classroom school assignments and projects.
3. Students are assigned individual email and network accounts and must use only these accounts and passwords granted permission by the district to use. All accounts activity should be used for educational purposes only.
4. Students must immediately report threatening messages or inappropriate internet content or website to their respective teachers.
5. Students must at all times use the district's electronic communications system that includes email, wireless network access, and digital tools/resources to communicate in a safe and appropriate setting.
6. Students are held responsible for their use of district's electronic communications system and behave ethically and responsibly while using the district's technology resources.

## **INAPPROPRIATE USE:**

1. Using personal hotspots not provided by Donna ISD are prohibited.
2. Using the district's electronic communications system for illegal purposes including cyberbullying, gambling, pornography and computer hacking.
3. Attempting to disable or bypass any monitoring system, filtering or security measures such as browser history or conceal inappropriate sites.
4. Sharing user names and passwords with other; borrowing someone else's username, password, or account access.
5. Opening, viewing or deleting files belonging to another system user without permission.
6. Posting electronically personal information about one self or others (i.e. names, addresses, phone numbers and pictures).
7. Downloading or plagiarizing copyrighted information without permission from the copyright owner.
8. Intentionally installing a virus or other malicious programs onto the district's electronic communications system.
9. Posting electronically messages or accessing materials that are abusive, obscene, sexually oriented, threatening, harassing, damaging to others via social media.
10. Gaining unauthorized access to restricted information or network resources.

## **CYBERBULLYING:**

Cyberbullying is defined as the use of electronic communication to bully a person, typically by sending messages of an intimidating or threatening nature.

1. Sending abusive text messages to cell phones, computers, or internet.
2. Posting abusive comments on someone's social media site (e.g. Instagram, Facebook or Twitter).
3. Creating a social media site pretending to be victim and using it to harass or bullying the victim.
4. Posting malicious comments about victim's friends to isolate him or her.
5. Recording and distributing social media with the intent to do harm to the victim.

## **CONSEQUENCES OF INAPPROPRIATE USE:**

1. Appropriate disciplinary or legal action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct and applicable laws including monetary damages.
2. Suspension of access to the district's electronic communications system.
3. Revocation of the district's electronic communications system account. The district may deny, revoke, or suspend user's access due to violation of policy.
4. Possible criminal action

## **CHILDREN’S ONLINE PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT (COPPA)**

Students 13 or younger. Any students under the age of 13, the Children Online Privacy Protection Act requires additional parental permission for education software tools that collect personal information about the child. Parents wishing to deny access to these educational tools must do so in writing to the campus principal.

## **CHILDREN’S INTERNET PROTECTION ACT (CIPA)**

All students will receive training in compliance with the CIPA Act. Training will address.

1. Online Internet Safety
2. CyberAware While on the Go: Safety Tips for Mobile Devices
3. Staying safe from online Predators
4. Cyberbullying and Cyber harassment
5. Using Social Networks Safely

## **DISCLAIMER**

The district’s electronic communication system does not make any warranties that the functions or services provided by Donna ISD will meet the users’ requirements. Neither does the district warrant that the system will be uninterrupted or error free. The district will strive to meet the CIPA requirements to keep our students/staff safe while using our electronic communication system. The District will cooperate fully with local, state, or federal officials in any investigation concerning or relating to misuse of the district’s electronic communication system.

## **TERM**

This policy is binding during the student’s enrollment in Donna ISD.