

## **Eula Independent School District 2003 - 2004 Student Technology Use Agreement**

*Please read this document carefully before signing.*

Eula Independent School District uses voice, data, and video electronic communication systems that allow unprecedented educational opportunities for students and staff to communicate, learn, and publish information. These network resources provide students and staff access to electronic resources and are to be used for educational purposes. Communication over district networks is not to be considered private. Network supervision and maintenance may require review and inspection of network activity.

### **TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR INTERNET ACCESS AND USE:**

The use of the Internet must be in support of education or research and adhere to the educational goals and objectives of Eula Independent School District. While some material accessible via the Internet may contain information that is inappropriate or inaccurate, Eula Independent School District believes that the benefits to students exceed the disadvantages. To comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act and to the extent practical, technology protection measures shall be used to block or filter Internet access to inappropriate information. Filtering is by no means meant to supercede the guidelines and requirements described in this document. Filtered access to some sites may still violate the Technology Use Agreement.

A user name and password may be assigned to those students whose parents have signed an AUP and returned it to the school. Sharing assigned passwords is a violation of the Technology Use Agreement. Student files may be monitored or supervised by authorized staff.

### **Appropriate Use of the Internet:**

Students are responsible for appropriate behavior when using the Internet just as they are in a classroom or hallway. Students are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette:

- Do not view, send or access abusive, obscene or harassing materials. A good rule to follow is never view, send, or access materials that you would not want your teachers and parents to see. Should students encounter such material by accident, they should report it to their teacher immediately.
- Do not access or participate in chat rooms, or multi-user environments including.
- Do not download or play games; access, download or print game cheat codes, participate in dating sites, subscribe to or access listservs; download music files, check, send or receive email or use any messaging service, unless prior permission is granted by a teacher. All activities must be consistent with the educational goals of the school and district.
- Do not share passwords. If you are assigned a password it is to be used by you only. You are responsible anything accessed, typed, printed, or done under your user name and password. If you need it changed for security reasons, ask your teacher.

- Do not post messages to bulletin boards or other sites unless prior permission is granted and the activity is authorized by a teacher.
- Do not give out any personal information including names, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses or credit card information pertaining to yourself or any other person without appropriate staff approval.
- Do not engage in any commercial, for-profit activities unless the activity is in support of the educational mission of the district and is authorized and supervised by a teacher.
- Do not violate copyright laws. Materials accessed through the Internet must be properly cited when referenced in a student research assignment.
- Do not download or install any commercial software, shareware, or freeware.
- Do not copy other people's work or intrude into other people's files.
- Do not waste school resources by printing excessively or consuming the limited hard drive space or network space.
- Do not use the Internet in any way which disrupts the service or its operation for others.
- Do not use District resources to create, manage or access personal web pages which are not related to the educational goals of the District.

### **Consequences for Inappropriate Use of the Internet:**

Since Internet access is a privilege and not a right, users have the responsibility to use the Internet in an appropriate manner. Consequences of misuse or abuse of the Internet, depending upon the severity of the situation, may include one or more of the following:

- Loss of network access privileges for not less than 45 school days.
- Notification of the student's parents by phone or personal conference.
- Loss of all technology privileges with the exception of a typewriter.
- Referral of the student to proper authorities for disciplinary and/or legal action.

**Note:** Students who have lost Internet or network privileges may not use personal equipment at school in lieu of district or school equipment.

### **TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR TECHNOLOGY NETWORK AND EQUIPMENT ACCESS AND USE:**

Eula Independent School District provides a variety of technology resources that will allow unprecedented educational opportunities for students and staff to communicate, learn, and publish information. These resources include computers, software, scanners, printers, digital cameras, video cameras and much more. Students will be required to act appropriately when utilizing technology equipment and work areas.

### **Appropriate Use of Networks and Technology Equipment:**

Students are responsible for appropriate behavior when using District technology resources. Students are expected to abide by the following rules:

- Do not intentionally damage computers, computer systems or computer networks. Take special care with the physical facilities, hardware, software, and furnishings. Do not remove / move, unplug, alter or add equipment or software to the network without the approval of the network administrator.
- Do not create or willfully disseminate computer viruses. Be sensitive to the ease of spreading viruses and take appropriate steps to ensure that disks and files are virus free.
- Do not attempt to gain unauthorized or illegal access to District or any other technology resources.
- Do not attempt to gain access to any other computer system or go beyond your authorized access by entering another person's password or accessing another person's files.
- Do not download, install or run any software without the express permission of your teacher or the network administrator.
- Personal technology equipment brought to school is subject to the procedures outlined in the "Student Technology Use Agreement."
- Do not alter the computers or change the settings or system configurations in any way.
- Do not alter, damage or vandalize District technology equipment or software in any way.

### **Consequences for Inappropriate Use of Networks or Technology Equipment:**

Users have the responsibility to use technology resources in an appropriate manner. Consequences of misuse or abuse of these resources, depending upon the severity of the situation, may include one or more of the following:

- A warning, followed by re-clarification of the appropriate use guidelines.
- Loss of access to District technology resources
- Restitution for damaged District property.
- Notification of parents by phone or personal conference.
- Referral to proper authorities for disciplinary and/or legal action.

**Note:** Students who have lost Internet or network privileges may not use personal equipment at school in lieu of district or school equipment.

### **Conclusion:**

Eula Independent School District staff will exercise reasonable oversight to ensure that the communication and technology resources and facilities are used in the appropriate manner. The District makes no guarantee that the functions or the services provided by or through the District system will be error-free or without defect. The District will not be responsible for any damage you may suffer including, but not limited to, loss of data or interruptions of service. The District is not responsible for the accuracy or quality of the information attained through or stored on the system. The District will not be responsible for financial obligations arising from unauthorized use of the system.

**Signature Section:**

**Both the student and parent or legal guardian must sign below. Parental or legal guardian signatures indicate you are granting permission for your child to have access to all District technology resources available for student use.**

**Student Signature Section:**

I have read the Eula Independent School District Technology Use Agreement, and I agree to follow the rules contained in this policy. I understand updates to this agreement will be posted on the District web page and in the student handbook. I understand that the District's computer systems and technology resources are intended for educational purposes only. I understand the consequences if I choose to violate any of the rules.

Student Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Parent / Guardian Signature Section:**

As the parent or legal guardian of the student signing above, I have read this Technology Use Agreement and grant permission for my child to access the Eula Independent School District's computer systems and technology resources. I understand that my child will be held liable for violations of this agreement. I understand updates to this agreement will be posted on the District web page and in the student handbook. I understand that the District's computer systems and technology resources are intended for educational purposes. While content filtering will be diligently overseen, I understand that it is difficult for my child's school to restrict access to all controversial materials, and I will not hold the District responsible for materials acquired on the network.

Parent / Guardian Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_