

Anson ISD

Network/Internet Use Guidelines

This Network/Internet Use Guidelines policy supports Anson Independent School District's (AISD) vision of technology use, and upholds in our users a strong sense of digital citizenship. This guideline applies to all AISD computer networks, the resources available on those networks, and all devices connected to those networks.

General Policies

- The purpose of a AISD user account is to access the AISD network and resources. District students and staff use this network to support communication and collaboration. We use technology to extend research and information fluency, to collect and analyze data, and to solve problems.
- Access is a privilege, not a right. Access entails responsibility, and inappropriate use may result in cancellation of those privileges.
- AISD user accounts are owned by AISD; consequently, they are subject to the Open Records Act. AISD reserves the right to monitor and access all accounts at any time without notice in order to maintain system integrity and to ensure responsible use.
- Users should have no expectation of personal privacy in any matters stored, created, received, or sent through the AISD computer network. These are subject to review by AISD any time, with or without notice, with or without cause, and without the permission of the user.
- A content filtering program is in place in order to prevent access to certain sites that may contain inappropriate material, such as pornography, weapons, illegal drugs, gambling, and any other topics deemed to be of non-educational value by AISD. This is required by to comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA).
- AISD is not responsible for the content accessed by users who connect via their own wireless service (cell phones, air-cards, etc.).

Responsible Use and Digital Citizenship

Technology is to be utilized in conformity with laws of the United States and the State of Texas. Accounts and devices are for school related activities only and should avoid all offensive material. Offensive material includes, but is not limited to, pornographic, obscene, or sexually explicit material, sexual comments, jokes, or images that would violate school policies.

Users will respect all copyright laws and refrain from copying, selling, or distributing copyrighted material without the express written permission of the author or publisher. Users will suitably cite any and all use of websites, books, media, etc.

AISD policies against harassment and discrimination also apply to the use of technology. Technology will not be used to bully, harass, stalk, or tease other people or publicly defame people through published material. Users will help maintain a safe computing environment by notifying campus officials of inappropriate behavior, vandalism, vulnerabilities, risks, and breaches of AISD policy involving campus technology. If the user is uncertain whether an activity is permitted or appropriate, he/she will ask a teacher or administrator before engaging in that activity.

Users will create online names that are appropriate and use appropriate language/content in all online posts. Users will not publish personal details or contact details for themselves or anyone else. Any audio

or video recordings of students/employees should be in compliance with the student handbook. Users understand that posing as someone else is forbidden, and will not pose as a user other than themselves when online.

Users understand that they are responsible for all activity initiated by and/or performed under their accounts. It is the user's responsibility to appropriately secure his or her account credentials. The user should also understand that it is his/her responsibility for maintaining and backing up all data. Anson ISD is not responsible for the loss of any data due to necessary computer repairs or reimaging.

Users may not attempt to disable, bypass, access, manipulate, or install any application or hardware on the AISD network without the consent of district administration.

Bring Your Own Devices

AISD allows staff and students the option to Bring Your Own Devices (BYOD) if permitted by their campus. Staff may use a personal device in place of (or along with) their district assigned devices if they choose. Students may use a personal device in class for instructional use with teacher permission. If the BYOD is damaged or stolen while on AISD property, the user will not hold AISD liable for the replacement or repair of the device. The user will also be responsible for any data and/or SMS/MMS (texting) charges. AISD will not reimburse users for charges incurred while on BYODs. Additionally, AISD will not provide technical support for BYODs.

The user will have access to only the guest wireless service that AISD has provided. The guest wireless will be filtered by the AISD content filter when BYOD users are connected to the guest wireless service.

Google Apps and Other Student Accounts

In accordance with our district mission, goals, and technology vision, our students may require accounts in third-party account systems. Many of these accounts will be used at school for school related projects but may also be accessed outside of school with their parent/guardian permission. The use of these accounts helps our students to master effective and proper online communications as required in the PreK-12 Technology Applications Standards.

By signing and returning this document, parents/guardians give permission to AISD to create and manage third party accounts (such as Google Apps for Education which includes email, storage, calendar, etc.) for their student, with the understanding that the child's information is protected in accordance with federal & state laws.

Consequences

The user will abide by these Network/Internet Use Guidelines. If the user breaches this agreement or damages equipment owned by AISD, the consequences will be determined by administration. In addition, the user could face monetary charges and/or disciplinary/legal action including, but not limited to, criminal prosecution and/or penalty under appropriate state and federal laws. The Director of Technology and the campus principal will deem what is considered to be inappropriate use of the AISD computer network.