Hankinson Public School
Student Acceptable Use Policy
Grades 7-12

Internet Access

The district believes the internet plays an important role in the education of students; however, the internet also contains content that is not appropriate for students and staff. The district has taken precautions, in accordance with federal law, to restrict students and staff access to obscene, pornographic, and/or harmful information through the use of software designed to block sites containing inappropriate material. While the district has taken preventive measures, it recognizes that it is not possible to fully guarantee that students and/or staff will never access objectionable materials, especially if used irresponsibly.

Monitoring Use

Students shall have no reasonable expectation of privacy when using district computers and/or networks. The district uses device monitoring technology to ensure devices are used appropriately at all times. For any legitimate reason, the network administrator may view files and communications (emails, monitor devices) and confiscate any equipment to ensure proper and responsible use. Teachers and administrators will supervise all use of technology by students.

Prohibitions

The district subscribes to the acceptable use policies of EduTech. All district computer users shall abide by this policy. Students should recognize that use of school technology is a privilege, not a right. The Superintendent or designee may take disciplinary measures when any of the following actions occur:

- Sending, posting, or using obscene language
- Accessing, downloading, or publishing inappropriate materials, such as pornography.
- Vandalizing, tampering, or damaging district computers and/or networks.
- Violating copyright, cyberbullying, and other laws on a local, state, or federal level.
- Hacking or other unauthorized access to accounts, computer systems, or files.
- Bypassing or attempting to bypass any of the district's security or content filtering.
- The use of any unauthorized devices (laptops, tablets, phones) on the network.
- Employing the network for financial gain and/or commercial purposes.
- Violating the privacy rights of students and employees in the district.
- Other activities or actions deemed inappropriate and not in the best interest of the district, its employees, and students.

Disciplinary Action

Violations of this policy may result in disciplinary action by the administration and technology coordinator as they see fit. This may result in loss of network access, loss of technology use, detention,

suspension or expulsion, or other appropriate disciplinary action. Violations of local, state, or federal law may subject students to prosecution by appropriate law enforcement authorities.

In the event of temporary or permanent device confiscation, the student is still responsible for any and all schoolwork that requires use of a device.

Students' home and personal internet use can have an impact on the school and/or other students. If a student's online behavior, such as sending threatening messages, causes a disruption to the school's operation, that student may still face school discipline and/or criminal penalties.

Device Use

The district provides each student in 7-12 with a Chromebook to use and carry with them during the school day. These devices are to stay in the building at all times and are to be returned to their carts by the end of the day. Students are responsible for making sure their device is charged and ready to use.

If a student damages or loses their device, they will be financially responsible for the cost to repair or replace the device.

Any unattended Chromebooks are to be returned to the office, and each violation will result in disciplinary action according to the discipline matrix in the handbook.

Digital Citizenship

It is the responsibility of both the Hankinson Public School District and parents to help prepare students to be responsible members of a digital society. All students are expected to follow the principles of digital citizenship whenever using technology:

- Practice safe, legal, and responsible use of information and technology.
- Exhibit leadership and stand against online bullying and harassment.
- Be courteous, respectful, and responsible to our devices and others around me.
- Use school technologies at appropriate times in appropriate ways.
- Keep private information and personally identifiable information confidential when online (such as addresses, phone numbers, passwords, etc.).
- Notify a staff member or parent/guardian about threatening, inappropriate or harmful content.
- Cite sources when using online resources and give proper credit for someone else's work.

Consent

All students must consent to this policy in writing prior to accessing district networks and/or computers.

Hankinson Public School
Acceptable Use Policy Agreement

I have read the Hankinson Public School Acceptable Use Policy and agree to use the school's devices, technology, and network in a responsible, legal manner. I understand that as, as a student and parent/guardian of said student, I accept these rules and regulations in order to gain access to the school's devices, technology, and network.

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Student Name   Student Signature   Date

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Parent/Guardian Name (please print)   Parent/Guardian Signature   Date

Publication Consent

The school may publish content throughout the school year with students' names or images. School publications include but are not limited to:

- Teacher websites
- The Hankinson Public School website
- Hankinson Public School social media pages (Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, etc.)
- Yearbooks

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*My child's **name** may be listed in school publications:*   **YES**   **NO**

*My child's **picture** may be placed in school publications:*   **YES**   **NO**

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Parent/Guardian Signature   Date