

Ingram Independent School District

Acceptable Use Policy for Students

2024 – 2025

At Ingram ISD, we use technology as one way of enhancing the mission to teach the skills, knowledge, and behaviors students will need to succeed in the global community. These technologies may include, but are not limited to, district-provided equipment as well as personal devices (computers, tablets, cell phones, laptops, and more) and district approved applications.

We recognize that there are guidelines for students to use new technologies in a meaningful, safe, and responsible way. But with these new opportunities come new responsibilities. We want students to embrace the following principles so they may become responsible, digital citizens.

In accepting this agreement, students acknowledge the following rules and conditions:

- Technology will be used in a meaningful, safe, and responsible way.
- The IISD student represents the school district in all online activities. The student understands what he or she does on social media should not reflect negatively on fellow students, teachers, or on the District.
- The IISD student will use technology resources productively and appropriately for school-related purposes. He/she will avoid using any technology resource in such a way that would disrupt the activities of other users.
- The IISD student will use digital communication (email, texting, video, and photo sharing apps) with the understanding that he/she is creating a digital reputation.
- The IISD student understands that the school network and one's school account are property of IISD and anything he/she does can be monitored.
- The IISD student understands that district account information is personal and private, and he/she should not share that information with other students or unauthorized persons. He/she should use only his/her assigned account to access the district network and applications.
- The IISD student is responsible for using technology in compliance with the Technology Resource Policy, {CQ (Local)}
- The IISD student understands that district administrators will deem what conduct is inappropriate use if such conduct is not specified in this agreement.

Technology will be used in accordance with the laws of the United States and the State of Texas:

- Criminal acts – These include, but are not limited to, “hacking” or attempting to access technology systems without authorization, harassing email, cyberbullying, cyberstalking, child pornography, vandalism, and/or unauthorized tampering with technology systems.
- Libel laws - Publicly defaming people through the published material on the Internet, email, etc.
- Copyright violations - Copying, selling, or distributing copyrighted material without the express written permission of the author or publisher (users should assume that all materials available on the Internet are protected by copyright), and/or engaging in plagiarism (using other's words or ideas as your own, including content developed by generative artificial intelligence)

- Banned applications – TikTok and any successor application or service developed or provided by its parent company ByteDance, as well as any other applications deemed a security risk by the governor.

If the IISD student chooses to use social media:

- He/she understands all his/her online actions leave a permanent record and remain online, even if deleted.
- He/she understands personal use of social media may influence current and future educational institutions, employers, and others that may impact future opportunities.

If the IISD student chooses to use generative artificial intelligence (AI) tools:

- He/she understands that AI should not be used to complete assignments without the permission and guidance from the teacher.
- He/she understands that under appropriate circumstances AI tools can be effectively used as a supplement to and not a replacement for traditional learning methods.
- He/she understands that the expectation is to produce original work and cite any AI generated content properly.
- He/she will refrain from using any personal identifiable information when using AI tools.

The IISD student understands and will abide by the above Acceptable Use Policy. Should the student commit a violation, he/she understands consequences of his/her actions could include suspension of technology privileges, disciplinary action, and/or referral to law enforcement.