

## Pearland ISD *Bring Your Own Device* Guidelines and Agreement

Pearland Independent School District provides a variety of electronic communications systems for educational purposes. **The electronic communications system is defined as the District's network (including the wireless network), servers, computer workstations, mobile technologies, peripherals, applications, databases, online resources, Internet access, and any other technology designated for use by students, including all new technologies as they become available.** This also includes any access to the Pearland ISD electronics system while on or near school property, in school vehicles and at school-sponsored activities, and includes the appropriate use of district technology resources via off-campus remote access. Please note that the Internet is a network of many types of communication and information networks and is part of the district's electronic communications systems.

### **Electronic Communication Devices: *Bring Your Own Device***

PISD is excited about the new learning opportunities available through *Bring Your Own Device*. It is our goal that students and teachers will collaborate in rich, engaging learning experiences using technology. Students may bring their own device and utilize personal electronic communication devices at school and at school activities. Students may use these devices in the classroom when the teacher deems them appropriate for educational purposes. All devices must remain silent or be put away unless being used within a lesson during class time. Students may not use devices during elective classes or non-instructional times, such as passing periods, lunch and before/after school.

*Bring your own Device* includes any privately owned device that enhances the learning experience.

- All devices should be clearly labeled with student's full name. It may also be a good idea to keep a record of the device's serial number.
- Devices should be charged prior to bringing to school.
- Students are responsible for personal property brought to school and should keep personal items with self or in a locked space. **Schools cannot be responsible for lost/stolen/damaged personal items.**
- Students may not share devices.
- In the event the technology is used inappropriately, normal disciplinary consequences may occur.

The Internet is a network of many types of communication and information networks, including Web 2.0 resources (Blogs, Wikis, Podcasts, etc.), and is part of the district's electronic communications systems. In a 21<sup>st</sup> Century school system, technologies, the Internet, and Web 2.0 tools are essential. In accordance with the Children's Internet Protection Act, Pearland Independent School District educates staff and students regarding appropriate online behavior to ensure Internet safety, including use of email and Web 2.0 resources, and has deployed filtering technology and protection measures to restrict access to inappropriate content such as those that are illegal, harmful, or contain potentially offensive information. While every effort is made to provide the most secure and optimal learning environment, it is not possible to absolutely prevent access (accidental or otherwise) to inappropriate content. **It is each student's responsibility to follow the guidelines for appropriate and acceptable use.** Access to the Pearland ISD network is a privilege and administrators and faculty may review files and messages to maintain system integrity and ensure that users are acting responsibly.

**Students who do not have a personal technology device may use campus technology.** All Students must adhere to the Student Code of Conduct, as well as Board policies, specifically the Acceptable Use Policy.

### **SOME GUIDELINES FOR APPROPRIATE USE**

- Students will be assigned individual email and network accounts and must use only those accounts and passwords that they have been granted permission by the district to use. All account activity should be for educational purposes only.
- Students must log in and use the Pearland ISD filtered wireless network during the school day on personal electronic devices.
- Internet use at school must be directly related to school assignments and projects.
- Students must at all times use the district's electronic communications system, including email, wireless network access, and Web 2.0 tools/resources to communicate only in ways that are kind and respectful.
- Students must only open, view, modify, and delete their own computer files.
- Students must immediately report threatening messages or discomfiting Internet files/sites to a teacher or an administrator.

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- Students are responsible at all times for their use of the district's electronic communications system and must assume personal responsibility to behave ethically and responsibly, even when technology provides them freedom to do otherwise.

### **SOME EXAMPLES OF INAPPROPRIATE USE**

- Using the district's electronic communications system for illegal purposes including, but not limited to, cyberbullying, gambling, pornography, and computer hacking.
- Disabling or attempting to disable any system monitoring or filtering or security measures.
- Sharing user names and passwords with others; and/or borrowing someone else's username, password, or account access.
- Purposefully opening, viewing, using or deleting files belonging to another system user except when directed by a teacher or an administrator.
- Electronically posting personal information about one's self or others (i.e., addresses, phone numbers, and pictures).
- Downloading or plagiarizing copyrighted information without permission from the copyright holder.
- Intentionally introducing a virus or other malicious programs onto the district's system.
- Electronically posting messages or accessing materials that are abusive, obscene, sexually oriented, threatening, harassing, damaging to another's reputation, or illegal.
- Wasting or abusing school resources through unauthorized system use (e.g., playing online games, downloading music, watching video broadcast, participating in chat rooms, etc.).
- Gaining unauthorized access to restricted information or network resources.
- Recording photos or videos of anyone except as directed by the classroom teacher as part of a learning activity.
- Breach of computer security

### **SPECIAL NOTE: CYBERBULLYING**

Cyberbullying is defined as the use of any Internet-connected device for the purpose of bullying, harassing, or intimidating another student. This includes, but may not be limited to:

- Sending abusive text messages to cell phones, computers, or Internet-connected game consoles.
- Posting abusive comments on someone's blog or social networking site (e.g., MySpace or Facebook).
- Creating a social networking site or web page that masquerades as the victim's personal site and using it to embarrass him or her.
- Making it appear that the victim is posting malicious comments about friends to isolate him or her from friends.
- Posting the victim's personally identifiable information on a site to put them at greater risk of contact by predators.
- Sending abusive comments while playing interactive games.
- Taking photos--often using a cell phone camera--and posting them online, sometimes manipulating them to embarrass the target.

### **CONSEQUENCES FOR INAPPROPRIATE USE**

- Appropriate disciplinary action up to expulsion from school or legal action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct and applicable laws including monetary damages
- Suspension of access to the district's electronic communications system
- Revocation of the district's electronic communications system account(s)
- Termination of System User Account: The district may deny, revoke, or suspend specific user's access to the district's system with or without cause or notice for lack of use, violation of policy or regulations regarding acceptable network use, or as a result of disciplinary actions against the user
- Possible criminal action

## Pearland ISD *Bring Your Own Device* Guidelines and Agreement

### Student Agreement:

I understand that my use of the Pearland ISD electronic communication system is not private and that the Pearland ISD will monitor activity on the computer system.

I have read the *Pearland ISD Bring Your Own Device Guidelines* and agree to abide by their provisions.

I understand being a respectable digital citizen is my responsibility and violation of these provisions may result in suspension or revocation of system access as well as appropriate disciplinary action.

I understand that I am responsible for my personal technology device and will take care to prevent loss, damage, or theft.

Student Name (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Campus \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID \_\_\_\_\_

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

### Parent Agreement:

I understand that my child's use of the Pearland ISD electronic communication system is not private and that the district will monitor activity on the computer system.

I have read the *Pearland ISD Bring Your Own Device Guidelines* and agree to abide by their provisions.

I understand being a respectable digital citizen is my child's responsibility and violation of these provisions may result in suspension or revocation of system access as well as appropriate disciplinary action.

I understand that the school district is not responsible for loss, damage, or theft of personal technology devices.

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Parent/Guardian Name-Please Print

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Parent/Guardian Name-Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_ I do want my student to participant in *Bring Your Own Device*.

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not want for my student to participate in the *Bring Your Own Device*.