

# PINE TREE ISD ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

Internet access is available to students and teachers at Pine Tree ISD. Our goal in providing this service is to promote educational excellence in schools by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication. Pine Tree ISD firmly believes that the valuable information and interaction available on this worldwide network far outweighs the possibility that users may procure material that is not consistent with the educational goals of the District. The smooth operation of the network relies upon the proper conduct of the end users who must adhere to strict guidelines. As a user you are required to make efficient, ethical and legal utilization of the network resources. If a user violates any of these provisions, his or her access will be terminated and future access could possibly be denied. A signed Pine Tree ISD Acceptable Use Policy User Agreement must be on file in the school office for any student or employee of Pine Tree ISD to access the district network or the Internet.

Terms and Conditions:

- 1) **Acceptable Use** - The purpose of the Internet is to support research and education in and among academic institutions in the U.S. by providing access to unique resources and the opportunity for collaborative work. The use of your access must be in support of education and research and consistent with the educational objectives of Pine Tree ISD. Transmission of any material in violation of any US or state regulation is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to: copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material, or material protected by trade secret. Use for commercial activities, use for product advertisement, or political lobbying is also prohibited.
- 2) **Privileges** - The use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges. Network administrators will deem what is inappropriate use and their decision is final. Also, network administrators may close an account at any time as required. The administration, faculty, and staff of Pine Tree ISD may request the network administrator to deny, revoke, or suspend specific user access.
- 3) **Network Etiquette** - You are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These include (but are not limited to) the following: a) Be polite. Do not get abusive in your messages to others. b) Use appropriate language. Do not swear, use vulgarities or any other inappropriate language. Illegal activities are strictly forbidden. c) Do not reveal personal addresses or phone numbers of yourself, students or colleagues. d) Note that electronic mail (e-mail) is not guaranteed to be private. People who operate the system do have access to all mail. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities may be reported to the authorities. e) Do not use the network in such a way that you would disrupt the use of the network by other users. f) All documents, data and information accessible via the network should be assumed to be private property
- 4) **E-mail** – E-mail, an integral part of the Internet, is a privilege that is offered to the users. They must use it properly. E-mail is not to be used during class time unless it is a part of school related activities. Attachments, chain letters, jokes, pictures and sending to large groups of people are easy prey for viruses and are not allowed if they are not part of an educational lesson.

5) **Security** - Security on any computer system is a high priority, especially when the network involves many users. If you feel you can identify a security problem, you must notify a network administrator or e-mail tyohn@ptisd.org. Do not demonstrate the problem to other users. Do not use another individual's account or allow anyone to use yours. Attempts to login to the Internet as a network administrator will result in cancellation of user privileges. Any attempts to bypass the districts network security, or internet filtering will result in the cancellation of user privileges. Any user identified as a security risk or having a history of problems with other computer systems may be denied access to the Internet.

6) **Vandalism** - Vandalism will result in cancellation of privileges. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm, destroy or disable any part of a computer, data, Internet access, or other networks that are connected to the Internet backbone. This includes, but not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses.

7) **Updating User Information** - Each student / faculty member will complete an AUP form. Only after the signed forms are returned will they be authorized the privileges described herein.

8) **Exception of Terms and Condition** - All terms and conditions as stated in this document are applicable to Pine Tree ISD. These terms and conditions reflect the entire agreement of the parties and supersede all prior oral or written agreements and understandings of the parties. These terms and conditions shall be governed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, and the United States of America. Pine Tree ISD makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing and will not be responsible for any damages including loss of data resulting from delays, nondeliveries, misdeliveries, or service interruptions caused by its own negligence or your errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via Pine Tree ISD is at your own risk. Pine Tree ISD denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its services.

Please sign and return the attached Acceptable Use Policy User Agreement.

## 2021-2022 Pine Tree ISD Student User Agreement District Network and Internet Resources

I have read the Network and Internet Acceptable Use policy contained in the Student Handbook and understand the conditions for use of the network and Internet resources provided by Pine Tree ISD for the purpose of promoting educational excellence and supporting instructional goals. [See policy CQ(LOCAL) for more information]

By my signature below, I agree that any use of the network and Internet under my user ID or account will be consistent with that policy. I understand that district employees have the authority to and will monitor network usage, including electronic messages sent and received to ensure compliance with the policy, and by this Agreement consent to that access. Furthermore, I understand that I am responsible for any transactions that occur under my user ID or account, that any violation of that policy shall be considered a violation of the Student Code of Conduct, and that I may be denied access to the district's electronic resources in addition to any other disciplinary action.

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Student's Signature

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Date

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Student's Name, Printed

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Grade

### Parent Authorization

Pine Tree ISD provides opportunities for students to have access through the Internet to electronic mail, databases, libraries, museums, and other information sources as part of its overall instructional program and for the purposes specified in the attached Network and Internet Acceptable Use policy. [See policy CQ(LOCAL) for more information]

I have read the Network and Internet Acceptable Use policy contained in the Student Handbook and understand the conditions for use of the network and Internet resources provided by Pine Tree ISD for the purpose of promoting educational excellence and supporting instructional goals. By my signature below, I consent to my child's having access to the Internet through the Pine Tree ISD network and release the school district from any responsibility for information my child may obtain in the course of using the Internet. Further I agree that any use of the network and Internet under my child's user ID or account must be consistent with that policy. **I understand that district employees have the authority to and will monitor network usage, including electronic messages sent and received to ensure compliance with the policy, and by this Agreement consent to that access.**

I understand that my child is responsible for any transactions that occur under his or her user ID or account, that any violation of that policy will be considered a violation of the Student Code of Conduct, and that my child may be denied access to the district's electronic resources in addition to any other disciplinary action.

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Parent's Signature

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Date