

MALONE ISD ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

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Network/Internet (electronic communication) access is available to students and teachers in Malone ISD. The Internet is a network of networks connecting millions of computer users all over the world. The Internet enables worldwide connection to electronic mail, discussion groups, databases, software and other information sources, such as libraries and museums. Malone ISD provides Network/Internet access to promote educational excellence in Malone ISD schools by facilitating resource sharing, innovation and communication. Malone ISD firmly believes that the valuable information and interaction available on the Network/Internet far outweighs the possibility that users may procure material that is not consistent with the educational goals of Malone ISD.

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Risk – Controlling all materials on the Network/Internet is impossible. Sites accessible via the Network/Internet may contain material that is illegal, defamatory, inaccurate or controversial. With global access to computers and people, a risk exists that students may access material that may not be of educational value in the school setting.

User Responsibility – Network/Internet users, like traditional library users, are responsible for their actions in accessing available resources.

NETWORK/INTERNET – TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Acceptable Use – Malone ISD Network/Internet access may be used to improve learning and teaching consistent with the educational goals of Malone ISD. Malone ISD expects legal, ethical and efficient use of the Network/Internet.

Internet Safety – Malone ISD will educate minors about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms and cyberbullying awareness and responses.

Privilege – Use of Malone ISD Network/Internet account is a privilege, not a right. Inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges. Malone ISD's employees responsible for the operation of the Network/Internet accounts will deem what is appropriate use and their decision is final. Malone ISD retains the right to withdraw access privileges at any time for any reason or no reason at all.

Voluntary – Use of Malone ISD Network/Internet account is voluntary on the part of the student and teacher.

Responsibilities – Use of Malone ISD Network/Internet account will require the student or teacher to exhibit respect, responsibility, dependability, productivity, and integrity.

Subject to System Administration – All Malone ISD Network/Internet account usage is subject to the Technology Coordinator's perusal for virus scanning or inappropriate use.

Inappropriate Use – Inappropriate use includes, but is not limited to, those uses that violate the law, that are specifically named as violations in this document, that violate the rules of network etiquette, or that hamper the integrity or security of this or any networks connected to the Network/Internet.

Violations of Law – Transmission of any material in violation of any US or state law is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to: copyrighted material, threatening, harassing, or obscene material; or material protected by trade secret. Any attempt to break the law through the use of a Malone ISD Network/Internet account may result in litigation against the offender by the proper authorities. If such an event should occur, Malone ISD will fully comply with the authorities to provide any information necessary for the litigation process.

Violations of Policy – Violations or misuse of a Malone ISD Network/Internet account may result in loss of access for a period of time at the discretion of the administrator. Violators will be expected to explain how the violation or misuse occurred. If violators do not/will not explain how the offense occurred, access privileges will be denied for the entire school year. In addition, school disciplinary action and/or appropriate legal action may be taken.

Commercial Use – Use for commercial, income-generating or "for-profit" activities, product advertisement, or political lobbying is prohibited. Sending unsolicited junk mail, or chain letters, is prohibited.