

Crosbyton CISD Acceptable Computer, Network, and Internet Use Policy

Overview

The Acceptable Computer, Network, & Internet Use Policy outlines the responsibilities for all who use the district computers, network resources, and Internet. A user is defined as a student, staff, or community member.

Crosbyton CCISD is deeply committed to providing a safe computing and Internet environment. To ensure protection from misuse and solicitation, sophisticated monitoring and filtering systems have been installed. It must be understood that monitoring district network usage is not a violation of the right to privacy. Users must be aware that using the Crosbyton CISD computer network and Internet is a privilege and that the inappropriate use of electronic information can be a violation of local, state and federal laws, leading to possible disciplinary actions.

The purpose of the policy is to outline the district's expectations for those who use the computer network and resources and to inform users of their responsibilities.

It is the intent that Crosbyton CISD technology users:

1. Respect the Crosbyton CISD Acceptable Computer, Network, & Internet Use Policy by following the policy.
2. Use the computer, network and Internet resources in a manner which is consistent with the ethical principles set forth by the school district and within accepted community standards.
3. Respect and adhere to all local, state, or federal laws which govern the use of technology.
4. Obey copyright laws as established by the United States Government. www.copyright.gov
5. Respect the privacy of others by not tampering with their files, passwords, and accounts in any manner.
6. Respect the rights of others by complying with all present and future Crosbyton CISD policies regarding sexual, racial, and other forms of harassment.
7. Responsibly use the computer identification numbers, codes, accounts, and facilities that are duly authorized to the user for the purpose(s) intended and in a manner consistent with the intended purpose(s).
8. Respect the district computing systems, data, software, and filtering systems, and will not in any form, make an attempt to tamper with or gain unauthorized access to the district network.

The System Administrator is authorized to suspend the use of network resources and disable any user account with reasonable cause and belief that the Acceptable Computer, Network, & Internet Use Policy has been violated. The System Administrator will then notify the appropriate campus administrators and supervising personnel.

Unacceptable conduct includes, but is not limited to, the following:

1. Attempting to log in as the system administrator or in any way to fraudulently gain access to the system.
2. Attempting to by-pass the network security services in order to gain access to restricted sites.
3. Using the network for any illegal activity, including violation of copyright or other contracts.
4. Using the network for financial, commercial, or political gain.
5. Degrading or disrupting equipment or system performance.
6. Vandalizing the data of another user.
7. Vandalizing computer operating system(s) or password(s).
8. Wastefully using finite resources or using an unfair, disproportionate amount of resources.
9. Gaining unauthorized access to resources or entities.
10. Invading the privacy of individuals.
11. Using an account owned by another user without prior written authorization.
12. Posting personal communications without the author's prior written consent.
13. Placing unlawful information on the screen.
14. Installing illegal software, freeware or shareware.
15. Failure to report violations of the Acceptable Computer, Network, & Internet Use Policy to appropriate authorities.
16. Congesting and restricting the flow of data through the overuse of Internet media such as music and video.

Email:

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All staff members are provided authorized district e-mail accounts. When appropriate, students may also be issued an authorized district e-mail account. Upon issuance of an e-mail account, all users must follow the established guidelines.

Unacceptable e-mail use includes, but is not limited to, the following:

1. Accessing an outside e-mail account. (Applies only to students.)

2. Using an account owned by another user without prior written authorization.

3. Using abusive or otherwise objectionable language in either public or private messages.

4. Sending messages that are likely to result in loss or damage to any work, data or systems.

5. Sending "chain letter" or "broadcasting" messages and all forms of SPAM to lists or individuals, which would cause congestion of the network.

Consent Form for Crosbyton CISD Computer, Network, & Internet Users

As the computer user, please read and initial where indicated. This document must be returned to the appropriate campus administrator.

1. Objective of the Network

I understand that the Crosbyton CISD network is established with the express intent of providing users a resource that will improve and enhance education in a manner that is consistent with the educational goals of the district. The district expects legal, ethical, and efficient use of the network/Internet and other technological resources provided for use.

I have read and understand this provision.

Initial

2. Acceptable Use of the District Computer, Network, and Internet Resources

I understand that the use of the Crosbyton CISD computers, network, and Internet resources will be used in support of education and research and that violation of the policy and guidelines will result in the loss of access to some or all of the district technology resources.

I have read and understand this provision.

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3. Services

Crosbyton CISD makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. The district will not be responsible for loss of data as a result of delays, non-deliveries, miss-deliveries, or service interruptions caused by the system or user errors or omissions.

I have read and understand this provision.

Initial

4. Responsibility

Should technical equipment be checked out to me, I understand that I am fully responsible for returning it at the scheduled time and in quality condition. Should the equipment become damaged or faulty while in my possession, I will immediately report it to appropriate CCISD personnel.

I have read and understand this provision.

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Parent or Guardian

(Students under the age of 18 must have the signature of a parent or guardian who has read this agreement.)

- As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read and understand the Crosbyton CISD Acceptable Computer, Network, & Internet Use Policy.
- I understand that the purpose of the district computer, network, and Internet resources are for educational purposes ONLY.
- I understand that Crosbyton CISD is committed to protecting all computer users from inappropriate information made available through electronic resources.
- I understand that it is impossible for the monitoring and filtering systems installed by the Crosbyton CISD to restrict access to all controversial materials that may be found on electronic networks.
- I understand that should my child violate the Crosbyton CISD Acceptable Computer, Network, & Internet Use Policy, he/she will be subject to disciplinary actions.
- I understand that I possess the right and the responsibility to report any misuse of CCISD technology resources to school officials.
- I give my permission for my child to use the Crosbyton CISD computer, network, and Internet resources.

Please check the appropriate response.

I give my permission for my child to be issued an authorized district e-mail account as deemed necessary by the instructional supervisor.

I do not give my permission for my child to be issued an authorized district e-mail account as deemed necessary by the instructional supervisor.

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date