

**GAUSE ISD
INTERNET SAFETY AND ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY
PERMISSION FORM**

Gause Independent School District is pleased to offer students access to a computer network for access to the Internet. To gain access to the Internet, all students must obtain parental permission as verified by the signatures on the form attached. Should a parent prefer that a student not have Internet access, use of the computers is still possible for more traditional purposes such as word processing.

What is possible?

Access to the Internet will enable students to explore thousands of libraries, databases, museums, and other repositories of information. Staff and students will be allowed access to Internet resources with the understanding that some material that can be accessed on the Internet is inaccurate. Additionally, some resources contain material that is deemed contrary to prevailing community standards and is inappropriate for classroom use, and that access of such resources will not be permitted.

As required by federal law, GISD provides safeguards through a filtering system to limit the access to material considered harmful or inappropriate to students. However, please note that this is not 100% effective. Despite our best efforts and beyond the limits of filtering technology, your child may run across areas of adult content and some objectionable material. Internet use by students is monitored for content and violations will be reported to administration for disciplinary action. In addition, no student is allowed access to the Internet on a school computer without permission from an adult.

What is expected?

Students are responsible for appropriate behavior on the school's computer network just as they are in a classroom or on a school playground. Communications on the network are often public in nature. General school rules for behavior and communications apply. It is expected that users will comply with district standards and the specific rules set forth below. **The use of the network is a privilege, not a right**, and may be revoked if abused. The user is personally responsible for his/her actions in accessing and utilizing the school's computer resources. The students are advised never to access, keep, send, or create anything that they would not want their parents or teachers to see.

What are the rules?

Privacy—Network storage areas may be treated like school lockers. Network administrators may review communications and Internet usage to maintain system integrity and ensure that students are using the system responsibly.

Illegal copying – Students should never download or install any commercial software, shareware, or freeware onto network drives or disks, unless they have written permission from the Technology Coordinator. Students should not copy other people's work or intrude into other people's files.

Inappropriate materials or language – No profane, abusive or impolite language should be used to communicate nor should materials be accessed which are not in line with the rules of school behavior.

Guidelines to follow to prevent the loss of network privileges at Gause ISD:

1. Do use Internet for educational purposes only. Use of these will be at the discretion of each individual teacher.
2. Do notify your teacher immediately if, by accident, you encounter materials that violate the rules of appropriate use.
3. **Do not** access the Internet without permission.
4. **Do not** trespass in another's folder, work, or files.
5. **Do not** use a computer to harm other people or their work.
6. **Do not** damage the computer or the network in any way.
7. **Do not** interfere with the operation of the network by installing illegal software, shareware, or freeware.
8. **Do not** violate copyright laws.
9. **Do not** view, send, or display offensive messages or pictures.
10. **Do not** waste limited resources such as disk space or printing capacity.
11. **Do not** access the following sites: chat rooms, music communities, messenger service, and others.
12. **Do not** use e-mail at school.

***BE PREPARED to be held accountable for your actions and for the loss of privileges if the Rules of Appropriate Use are violated.**

If you choose to not follow the previously listed guidelines:

- Suspension of access to the system
- Permanent loss of network and Internet privileges
- Other Disciplinary or legal action, in accordance with GISD policies and applicable laws

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PARENT PERMISSION FORM AND USER AGREEMENT

As a parent or guardian of a student of Gause ISD, I have read the above information about the appropriate use of computers at the school and I understand this agreement will be kept on file at the school. (Questions should be directed to the Technology Coordinator for clarification.)

_____ (check here) My child **may** use the Internet while at school according to the rules outlined.

OR

_____ (check here) I would prefer that my child **not** use the Internet while at school.

Parent Name (please print)

Parent Signature

Date

As a user of the school computer network, I agree to comply with the above stated rules and to use the network in a constructive manner.

Student Name (please print)

Grade

Student Signature

Date

Return this signed page and keep page 1 & 2 for your records.