

NUECES CANYON C.I.S.D. Internet Safety Policy and Internet/Technology Acceptable Use Policy

Internet Safety Policy

I. Introduction

It is the policy of Nueces Canyon C.I.S.D. to: (a) prevent user access over its computer network to, or transmission of, inappropriate material via Internet, electronic mail, or other forms of direct electronic communications; (b) prevent unauthorized access and other unlawful online activity; (c) prevent unauthorized online disclosure, use, or dissemination of personal identification information of minors; and (d) comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act [Pub. L. No. 106-554 and 47 USC 254(h)].

II. Definitions

Key terms are as defined in the Children's Internet Protection Act.

A. Access to Inappropriate Material

To the extent practical, technology protection measures (or "Internet filters") shall be used to block or filter Internet, or other forms of electronic communications, access to inappropriate information.

Specifically, as required by the Children's Internet Protection Act, blocking shall be applied to visual depictions of child pornography or material deemed obscene, or to any material deemed harmful to minors.

Subject to staff supervision, technology protection measures may be disabled or, in the case of minors, minimized only for bona fide research or other lawful purposes.

B. Inappropriate Network Usage

To the extent practical, steps shall be taken to promote the safety and security of users of Nueces Canyon C.I.S.D.'s online computer network when using electronic mail, chat rooms, instant messaging, and other forms of direct electronic communications.

Specifically, as required by the Children's Internet Protection Act, prevention of inappropriate network usage includes: (a) unauthorized access, including so-called 'hacking,' and other unlawful activities; and (b) unauthorized disclosure, use, and

dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors.

C. CIPA Definitions of Terms:

1. TECHNOLOGY PROTECTION MEASURE. The term "technology protection measure" means a specific technology that blocks or filters Internet access to visual depictions that are:

- **OBSCENE**, as that term is defined in section 1460 of title 18, United States Code;
- **CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**, as that term is defined in section 2256 of title 18, United States Code; or
- Harmful to minors.

2. HARMFUL TO MINORS. The term "harmful to minors" means any picture, image, graphic image file, or other visual depiction that:

- Taken as a whole and with respect to minors, appeals to a prurient interest in nudity, sex, or excretion;
- Depicts, describes, or represents, in a patently offensive way with respect to what is suitable for minors, an actual or simulated sexual act or sexual contact, actual or simulated normal or perverted sexual acts, or a lewd exhibition of the genitals; and
- Taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value as to minors.

3. SEXUAL ACT; SEXUAL CONTACT. The terms "sexual act" and "sexual contact" have the meanings given such terms in section 2246 of title 18, United States Code.

III. Education, Supervision and Monitoring

In accordance with this policy, the Children's Internet Protection Act, the Neighborhood Children's Internet Protection Act, and the Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act, it shall be the responsibility of all members of the Nueces Canyon C.I.S.D. staff to **educate, supervise, and monitor** all students concerning appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms and cyberbullying awareness and response.

Procedures for the disabling or otherwise modifying any technology protection measures shall be the responsibility of the technology coordinator or designated representatives.

IV. Adoption

This Internet Safety Policy was adopted by the Board of Nueces Canyon C.I.S.D. at a public meeting, following normal public notice, on November 19, 2012.

Internet and Technology

Acceptable Use Policy

I. Overview of Project

A. Introduction

Nueces Canyon C.I.S.D. is making Internet access available to its staff and students. The Internet is a vast, global network, linking computers at universities, public and private schools, science labs, libraries, commercial, government and other sites. The Internet provides access to the libraries and data archives of many universities, as well as many real-time information services such as weather data, NASA video broadcasts and news on current events. One can also communicate with people all over the world through a number of discussion forums and electronic mail. Because of its enormous size, the Internet's potential is boundless. The Internet expands classroom resources dramatically by making many resources from all over the world available to students, teachers, and media specialists, including original source materials. It brings information, data, images, and even computer software into the classroom from places otherwise impossible to reach, and it does this almost instantly. Access to these resources can yield individual and group projects, collaboration, curriculum materials, and idea sharing not found in schools without Internet access. It encourages the kind of independence and autonomy that many educators agree is important for students to achieve in their learning process.

Because the Internet consists of connections between many networks spanning across the entire globe, it provides access to an unparalleled quantity of resources. However, with such great potential for education also comes potential for abuse. The very size and nature of the Internet prevents any business or government agency from controlling all the material available on the Internet. A user may discover material controversial in nature. Nueces Canyon C.I.S.D. will take every precaution (including Internet filtering) to assure that the district adheres to the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), that became law on April 20, 2001; the Neighborhood Children's Internet Protection Act; and the "Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act" of October 2008. The purpose of these guidelines is to make sure that all who use the N.C.C.I.S.D. Internet connection, both students and faculty, use technology and the Internet in an appropriate and safe manner consistent with the federal, state, and local district guidelines.

Finally, all users should keep in mind that when using the Internet, they are entering a global community. Any actions taken by them will reflect upon the Nueces Canyon C.I.S.D. school system as a whole.

In an effort to enforce this policy, Nueces Canyon C.I.S.D. reserves the right to examine all data stored in all district computer systems and technologies to make sure that all users are in compliance with these regulations. Nueces Canyon C.I.S.D. also reserves the right to use electronic means to restrict access to questionable material and to track and monitor use of the Internet, e-mail systems, and other data.

B. Connection

Nueces Canyon C.I.S.D. is connected to the Internet via Educational Service Center Region XV.

C. Mission

Our mission in establishing this service is to promote educational achievement at Nueces Canyon C.I.S.D. and to support the goals outlined in our local technology plan. Part of the District's responsibility in preparing students for the 21st century is to provide them access to the tools they will be using as adults. We believe that use of this global information network is one of those tools.

II. Terms and Conditions

A. Appropriate Use

1. Acceptable Activities:

- Student centered activities and research in support of Nueces Canyon C.I.S.D. Educational objectives. (Trained staff must direct access at the elementary level. Access at the secondary level must be under the supervision of a sponsoring educator or under the supervision of another qualified staff member.)
- Nueces Canyon C.I.S.D. staff members that have fulfilled training requirements and have been granted access may conduct research, conduct school business, and communications.

2. Prohibited Activities:

- Transmission or access of any material in violation of any U.S. or state regulations, including, but not limited to, obscene or threatening material, cyber-bullying, copyrighted material, or material protected by trade secret
- Use for commercial activity, product advertisement or political lobbying
- Installing or running Internet client applications not provided by or approved by Nueces Canyon C.I.S.D. Technology Services
- The use of electronic communication to send abusive, threatening, bullying, or profane messages
- Students may not incur or attempt to incur any financial liability. This includes, but is not limited to, accessing any fee-based services.
- Elementary student access without the direction of a qualified staff member

- Secondary student access without supervision by a qualified staff member and a completed and approved Student Application for Access on file in the campus office
- Chatting on the Internet is not permitted due to the inability to control dialogue and with whom the students interact. However, if chatting is part of an online curriculum and/or needed for instruction, permission may be granted to utilize online chatting by the technology director.
- Students may be issued e-mail accounts only if their curriculum requires it. Free e-mail such as Hotmail or Yahoo Mail may only be used by students with permission of the technology coordinator.

B. Disclaimer and Limitation of Liability

Access to the Internet is provided on an as is basis. The Nueces Canyon C.I.S.D., its Board of Trustees, agents and staff members make no representations or warranties, whether expressed or implied, of any kind with respect to the Internet, SBC, the N.C.C.I.S.D. Network, or any information or software accessed or received by the applicant. Nueces Canyon C.I.S.D. will not be responsible to or liable to the applicant for any claims, losses, or damages the applicant may suffer as a result of these Terms and Conditions or access to the Internet, including without limitation any losses, claims, or damages arising from Nueces Canyon C.I.S.D.'s negligence or the applicant's own errors or omissions. The applicant agrees that this limitation releases Nueces Canyon C.I.S.D. from any claims; damages or losses suffered arising from the use of this system. Use of any information obtained over this network is at the applicant's own risk.

C. Security

Users will always log onto Nueces Canyon C.I.S.D. networks using his or her own account. Users will not allow others to log in with their account. Users must log off when they are finished using a computer or other logged in device.

D. Safety

When communicating on the Internet, as with any other medium, it is necessary to teach children to safeguard themselves against potentially dangerous situations. Parents are requested to discuss this with their child. Staff members are required to carefully monitor student Internet activities to ensure their safety and train students how to safely use the Internet and technology appropriately. *(see the Nueces Canyon CISD Internet Safety Policy above.)*

D. Vandalism

Vandalism will result in cancellation of privileges and will require restitution for expenses associated with system restoration, hardware and software costs. Vandalism is defined here as any malicious attempt to: physically harm a computer system, destroy data, or access without

permission the data of another user on any computer attached to the N.C.C.I.S.D. Network, the Internet or any other network. This includes the uploading or creation of computer viruses.

E. Forgery

Forgery or attempted forgery of electronic mail messages is prohibited. Attempts to read, delete, copy, or modify the electronic mail of other system users or deliberately interfere with the ability of other system users to send or receive electronic mail messages is prohibited.

F. Privileges

The use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in cancellation of those privileges. Access may be denied, revoked or suspended for violation of the N.C.C.I.S.D. Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy, or as a result of other disciplinary actions. Furthermore, violation of this policy may result in additional disciplinary actions by Nueces Canyon C.I.S.D. and/or legal action by law enforcement agencies when state or federal law is broken.

G. Student and Staff Information Disclosure

Students and staff will be involved in projects during the school year that may include photographs, digital video and basic student information. These items may be presented in a public performance such as a presentation of a project or posting to a website. By signing this document and requesting access, you are agreeing to allow the use of photos, digital video, audio, student artwork, student intellectual property, and basic student/staff information by N.C.C.I.S.D. in such projects. Not divulging student identities will be a priority. If a parent chooses not to allow the use of this material, they may submit this request in writing to the appropriate campus office.

III. Measures Designed to Restrict Minors' Access to Objectionable Material on the Internet and Other Information Technologies

Nueces Canyon C.I.S.D. will make every effort to protect its constituents from material deemed "harmful to minors" as per the Children's Internet Protection Act of April 20, 2001, the Neighborhood Children's Internet Protection Act and the "Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act" of October 2008. These measures follow:

A.

Nueces Canyon C.I.S.D. will employ Internet filtering technologies to protect children and adults from obscene and inappropriate material from the Internet.

B.

Nueces Canyon C.I.S.D. will monitor the use of the Internet by polling access reports generated by filtering software, responding to staff observations of inappropriate use, and responding to student observations of inappropriate use.

C.

Nueces Canyon C.I.S.D. will require staff members to supervise the use of Internet and information technologies at all times.

D.

Nueces Canyon C.I.S.D. will require all staff members to educate all students concerning the safe use of the school's Internet and information technologies. Staff will be required to document their training of students on Internet safety, appropriate use of the Internet, appropriate use of social networks, chat rooms safety, cyberbullying awareness and response, appropriate use of technology, and any other training mandated by local, state and federal authorities.

IV. Consequences

Individuals who do not follow the rules and regulations set forth in this document are subject to disciplinary action by the district that can include loss of access privileges and/or appropriate legal action.

V. Requesting Access

The *Applications for Access* form can be obtained from the campus office. Please complete the form and return it to the appropriate campus office. Central office personnel should submit applications to the technology coordinator. All requests for access by students and campus personnel should be submitted to the campus technology facilitator.

VI. Adoption

This Internet and Technology Acceptable Use Policy was adopted by the Board of Nueces Canyon C.I.S.D. at a public meeting, following normal public notice, on November 15, 2010.

Student Application for Access

Student's Full Name (please print) _____

Grade _____ Year of high school graduation _____

Age _____

Campus _____

I understand and will abide by the N.C.C.I.S.D. Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy. I further understand that any violation of the regulations and guidelines is inappropriate and may constitute a criminal offense. Should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked with or without notice and school disciplinary action and/or appropriate legal action may be taken.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

* If you are under age 18, a parent or guardian must also read and sign this agreement

Parent or Guardian: As the parent or guardian of the above, I have read the NCCISD Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy. I understand that this access to the Internet is designed for educational purposes and Nueces Canyon C.I.S.D. staff will make a best effort in directing students toward appropriate materials as specified in the Children's Internet Protection Act, the Neighborhood Children's Internet Protection Act, and the Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act. I also recognize that it is impossible for Nueces Canyon C.I.S.D. to restrict access to all controversial materials and I release the District, its operators, and any institution with which they are affiliated from any and all claims and damages of any nature arising from use or inability to use this system. I agree to accept all financial and legal liabilities which may result from my son's/daughter's inappropriate use of the Nueces Canyon C.I.S.D. Internet Connection. I hereby give permission for Nueces Canyon C.I.S.D. to provide access to the Internet for my child. I understand that these access privileges will remain in effect as long as this child attends NCCISD unless terminated in writing by parent or guardian, or terminated by Nueces Canyon C.I.S.D. staff.

Parent or Guardian (please print) _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Campus Approval (Principal or Designee):

Approved By _____ Date _____

Employee Application for Access

I have read the attached Nueces Canyon C.I.S.D. Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy. I agree to abide by its provisions. I agree to help the Nueces Canyon C.I.S.D. protect children from inappropriate material on the Internet and other information technologies as described in this document in accordance with the Children's Internet Protection Act, the Neighborhood Children's Internet Protection Act, and the Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act.

In consideration for the privilege of using the District's electronic communications system and in consideration for having access to public networks, I hereby release the District, its operators, and any institutions with which they are affiliated from any and all claims and damages of any nature arising from my use of, or inability to use, the system, including, without limitation, the type of damages identified in the District's policies and administrative regulations.

Name (please print) _____

Campus/ Department _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Campus Approval (Principal or Designee):

Approved By _____ Date _____