

Ropes ISD

Acceptable Use Policy For Technology

Ropes ISD is connected to the Internet through the district's computer network. It is available for use in all classrooms and labs. The Internet will provide opportunities to reach out to people and institutions around the world to share information and research subjects. These are significant learning opportunities to prepare your child for the future, yet families should be warned that some materials accessible on the Internet is unacceptable or controversial. We have established guidelines and procedures with the intent of making Internet access available to further educational goals and objectives, yet students may find ways to access other material as well.

It is important that parents and students review the following guidelines together. The network is provided for student to conduct research and communicate with others as a part of school projects. Access to network services is given to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner.

Ropes ISD students will be provided with e-mail accounts by the school district. Students will be expected to maintain proper etiquette and responsibility when using this resource.

In addition to the rules of behavior and consequences as identified in the Student Code of Conduct the following items specifically apply regarding the Internet and network . The following are prohibited:

1. Using another person's account/password
2. Harassing, insulting, or attacking others
3. Damaging computers, computer systems, computer networks
4. Violating copyright laws
5. Plagiarizing work
6. Trespassing in another person's folders, work, or files
7. Intentionally wasting limited resources (ie, Paper and/or Ink)
8. Using the network for commercial or political purposes
9. Using the network/computers for downloading games, music, videos that are NOT school related
10. Divulging personal account information, home address, or phone number
11. Accessing information that is profane and/or obscene
12. Posting anonymous messages
13. Failure to comply with district cell phone policy

Access is a privilege not a right. Violations may result in loss of access as well as other disciplinary or legal actions. Parents may be held responsible financially or legally for the actions of their child(ren).

Any student who fails to comply with the district's policies and procedures concerning technology and the use thereof, will be subject to loss of ALL technology privileges which will include, but are not limited to e-mail, internet usage, and online courses. In addition to the loss of technology privileges, students may also be subjected to disciplinary action(s) as stated in the Code of Conduct set forth by Ropes Independent School District. Consequences for violations may include a warning (verbal and / or written), loss of computer privileges, removal from class, recommended for Alternative Educational Program (AEP) placement, suspension, expulsion from school (if he or she engages in conduct on the Internet that contains elements of a felony, as defined by State of Federal Law). or other disciplinary actions as appropriate.