

Alvord ISD Computer Use Policy

Learning is enhanced through technology's endless possibilities. Alvord ISD provides students and staff with Network Technology Service. Alvord ISD Network Services include the use of computers, servers, other technology equipment, and the Internet.

Some sites on the Internet may contain offensive material. For this reason, Alvord ISD has in place several ways to prevent access to most inappropriate materials and to provide for a positive, productive educational experience. Communications on the Internet are public in nature and files stored on the Internet should not be assumed to be private.

Parents/guardians need to sign a form, which requests that the student may/may not participate in the use of the Alvord ISD Technology Service.

Acceptable Use of Technology

- The use of the District's technology is a privilege and not a right.
- Technology is designed to be used as a tool to assist with the instructional objectives of the District. Students and staff shall use technology efficiently to minimize interference with others.
- Agreement to Acceptable Use Guidelines required. No student may use the internet Access until he or she and /or the student's parent or guardian (if the student is under the age of 18) have signed this document and returned it to the School.

Prohibited uses of the Technology include, but are not limited to:

1. Other services prohibited under this section are File Transfer Protocol (FTP); Telnet; archives of Newsgroups; Listservs; and Gopher.
2. Access to inappropriate material. Students will not access any material not related to the educational purposes of the Internet Access, or attempt to access a site which has been blocked or to which access has been prohibited by Alvord ISD.
3. Sending, receiving, displaying, or accessing defamatory, inaccurate, abusive, obscene, profane, sexually oriented, threatening, racially offensive, harassing, or illegal materials.
4. Encouraging the use of or promoting the sale of controlled substances or drugs.
5. Any attempt to harm or destroy data of another user, the network, any technology equipment, or any of the agencies or other computer network services that are connected to the Internet. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses. Deliberate violations may result in suspension or revocation of a access to the system and/or other disciplinary action.
6. Any attempt to sell or offer for sale any goods or services that could be construed as a commercial enterprise, unless approved by the Board or their designee.
7. Redistributing a copyrighted program or copyrighted material without the express written permission of the owner or authorized person or as provided by the fair use exception. This includes uploading and downloading of materials.
8. Invading the privacy of individuals, revealing personal information of others or themselves, such as home address, or phone number.
9. Logging in to the system using another user's account or password.
10. Leaving an account open or unattended.
11. Violating any local, state, or federal regulation or statute.
12. Altering computer equipment as set up by the system administrator (ie. Download or install software or any executable files)
13. Anonymous E-mail Service (incl. Hotmail, gmail, yahoo, earthlink,etc.) without the approval of the Technology

Director.

14. Students may not encrypt communications or files, except as specifically authorized by a Teacher.
15. Students may not initiate communications into the System from other computers (for example, home computers) that are inconsistent with the intended purposes of the System or with any of these Acceptable Use Guidelines.

District Rights And Responsibilities

1. Alvord ISD reserves the right to monitor all activity on the Internet.
2. Alvord ISD reserves the right to block any material on the Internet.
3. Alvord ISD reserves the right to deny access to technology to any individual.
4. Security on the network is a high priority. The Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures that will maximize system security.
5. No warranties are made or given with respect to any service, any information, or any software contained within the Internet.
6. Opinions, advice, services and all other information expressed by students, staff, information providers, service providers, or other third party personnel on the Internet provided by the District are those of the individual and do not represent the position of the District.
7. Accounts which are inactive for more than 30 days may be removed by the District along with the user's files without prior notice.
8. Alvord ISD staff is responsible for supervising student use of technology.
9. Alvord ISD makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied. This limitation of liability includes loss of data, service delays or interruptions. Although Internet Access may be screened by the school, the school specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained. Use of any information obtained through Internet Access is at the risk of the User.
10. Users agree to indemnify and hold the School and their affiliates, officers, agents, or other partners, and employees, harmless from any claim or demand, including reasonable attorneys' fees, due to or arising out of use or misuse of Internet Access by any student or other User, or arising from any User's violation of these Acceptable Use Guidelines.

Discipline

Student discipline for violation of any part of these rules and procedures shall be based on the student's age and the severity of the infraction. Student discipline may involve actions up to and including suspension and/or expulsion. Perpetrators or their parents/guardians may be billed for damages to equipment. Illegal activities may be referred to the appropriate law enforcement agency.