

PARENT LETTER FOR STUDENT USERS
Paint Creek ISD

Dear Parents:

Internet access is now available to students, teachers, and administrators of Paint Creek ISD for research, resource sharing and communication. Our goal in providing this service is to promote educational excellence.

The Internet is a network of networks. Through the District's electronic communications system, your child will have access to hundreds of databases, libraries, and computer services all over the world. We feel that this access is important to the education of each student.

With this educational opportunity also comes responsibility. The use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in cancellation of those privileges. Faculty members will instruct each student in the responsibilities of system users, but it is also important that you and your child read the enclosed regulations and agreement form and discuss these requirements together.

Please note that the Internet is an association of diverse communication and information networks. Paint Creek ISD's Internet access is filtered through Region 14's wide area network filter. Even with the use of filters and close monitoring, it is possible that your child may run across areas of adult content and some material you might find objectionable. While the District will take reasonable steps to prevent access to such material and does not encourage such access, it is not always possible for us to absolutely prevent such access. We believe that the valuable information and interaction available on this worldwide network far outweighs the possibility that users may acquire material that is not consistent with the educational goals of the District.

Paint Creek ISD has implemented Internet safety measures to meet the requirements of:

- CIPA (Children's Internet Protection Act)
- ESEA (Elementary and Secondary Education Act)
- FERPA (Family Education Rights and Privacy Act)

Please read the attached Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) for the Electronic Communications and Data System and sign and return the agreement form. The signatures at the end of the document are legally binding and indicate the parties who signed have read the terms and conditions carefully and understand their significance. Failure of any party to sign this agreement will revoke all privileges of access to the Internet by the student at Paint Creek ISD.

Sincerely,

Principal

Technology Coordinator

Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) for the Paint Creek ISD Electronic Communications System

You are being given access to the District's electronic communications system. It will be your responsibility to follow the rules for appropriate use. Any violation of the AUP will result in consequences as prescribed by PCISD Board Policy and/or the Student Code of Conduct Manual.

Safety of Self and Others

- System users will report to their teacher any message received that is inappropriate or makes them feel uncomfortable.
- System users will not reveal personal information, such as: phone number, address, password, or username.
- System users will use appropriate language and follow appropriate netiquette (to include but not limited to the following):
 - . Will not agree to meet with someone they met online
 - . Will not use the system to harass, threaten, or harm the reputation of others
 - . Will not use swearing, vulgarity, ethnic or racial slurs, or any other inflammatory or threatening language
 - . Will not send or receive obscene pictures or messages.

Access and Uses

- System users will not access personal email accounts or participate in chat rooms, instant messaging (IM), or other forms of direct electronic communications (such as MySpace, Facebook, etc.)
- System users will not use the system for purchasing products or services.
- System users will not send messages under a false identity.
- System users will use the PCISD system, primarily, for educational purposes.
- System users will not access email of other users.
- All email accounts shall not be considered confidential and may be viewed upon request under the Open Records Act.
- System users will not access files and/or documents of other users without permission.
- System users will not use the Internet for financial gain or for political or commercial activity.
- System users will not access inappropriate content for any purposes.

Copyright Laws

- System users will not download and/or install unauthorized software or digital media.
- System users will strictly adhere to copyright laws, including Fair Use Guidelines (<http://www.copyright.gov/fls/fl102.html>).
- It is the system user's responsibility to obtain and maintain, prior to use or publication, any necessary written permission granting the authority to publish any copyrighted materials, including but not limited to: photographs, images, cartoons, logos, digital sound, and music files.

Illegal Activities

- System users will not use the system for illegal purposes or any other activity prohibited by the District.
- System users will not download and/or install illegal or illegally obtained software, or personally owned software to include but not limited to: freeware, shareware, hackware, etc. on PCISD equipment.

System Security

- System users will not attempt to harm, vandalize, or destroy equipment or materials.
- System users will not attempt to delete or modify system data or software.
- System users will not change the default settings on any PCISD equipment (such as changing backgrounds, wallpapers, screensavers, etc.)
- System users must ensure that all files brought into the PCISD system are virus free.
- System users bear the responsibility to immediately notify the appropriate PCISD employee of any virus or other disruptive software detected on any PCISD equipment.
- System users will not intentionally infect a computer or network with a virus.
- System users will not engage in activities that disrupt the performance of the network, including but not limited to: use of Internet radio; non-educational Internet games, videos, or music; or any purely non-educational access.
- System users will not disclose passwords.
- System users will always immediately report any known violations of the PCISD Acceptable Use Guidelines to a teacher or administrator.
- System users will not gain unauthorized access to system passwords in an attempt to obtain District resources and/or information.
- System users will not attempt to circumvent PCISD network security, including but not limited to: bypassing Internet filters or the use of proxy servers, hackware, freeware, and unauthorized shareware.

Respect for System Limitations

- System users will not download large files from outside the PCISD network without permission from the teacher or district/campus administrator.
- System users will not use their home directories for storing large personal files, including but not limited to: videos, images, music, executable files, etc.

PCISD Electronic Communications System The Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) Permission Form

PARENT or GUARDIAN:

I hereby release PCISD, its personnel, and any institutions with which it is affiliated from any and all claims and damages of any nature from my child's use of or inability to use the district system. I will instruct my child regarding the restrictions against accessing materials that violate the district Acceptable Use Policy. I will emphasize to my child the importance of following the rules for personal safety.

I give permission for my child to participate in the PCISD electronic communication system (use of school computers and network).	YES NO
I give permission for my child to access the Internet.	YES NO
I give permission for my child's work to be displayed on Paint Creek websites.	YES NO
I give permission for photographs of my child to be displayed on Paint Creek websites.	YES NO
I give permission for my child's name to be displayed on Paint Creek websites.	YES NO
I give permission for my child to participate in PCISD Interactive Multi-Media. I agree these activities will not be a violation of my child's personal rights and hereby release any claim for the use of such during the duration of the interactive television activity. Multi-Media includes, but is not limited to: distance learning, virtual field trips, school websites, and video conferencing, in which the student's voice and/or image may be transmitted to distant sites.	YES NO

(If one or more of the above items have been marked NO, the district will take appropriate steps to comply with your wishes.)

STUDENT:

I have read, understand, and will abide by the Acceptable Use Policy for PCISD. Should I violate the Acceptable Use Policy for PCISD, my access to district computers may be revoked and/or school disciplinary action may be taken.

Student

Name (print) _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Parent or Guardian

Name (print) _____ Signature _____ Date _____