

Student Use of the Internet and Electronic Communications

Access to electronic resources is available to students, faculty and staff in the Trinidad Public School District (TPSD Net). TPSD Net will connect all district schools and provide access to electronic networked resources, including the Internet. The district's goal in providing this service to teachers and students is to promote educational excellence in the schools by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, collaboration and communication.

Acceptable use

The purpose of TPSD Net is to support education in the Trinidad Public Schools by providing access to a variety of resources and the opportunity for collaborative work. Individual users of the Internet are responsible for their use of the network. Use of other organizations' networks or computing resources must comply with the rules appropriate for that network. Transmission of any material in violation of any U.S. or state regulation is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to: copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material, or material protected by trade secret. Use for product advertisement or political lobbying is generally not consistent with the purposes of the TPSD Net. Illegal activities are strictly prohibited.

Privileges

The use of the TPSD Net is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use can result in a cancellation of those privileges. Inappropriate use will be assessed by the system administrators based upon the acceptable use guidelines outlined in this document. The system administrators have the right to close an account at any time. The administration, faculty and staff of Trinidad High School may deny, revoke or suspend specific user accounts.

Rules and responsibilities

1. The use of accounts must be for education and research consistent with the educational objectives and state standards of the district.
2. As a user of this school community system, students will notify a teacher or system administrator of any violations of this contract taking place by other Trinidad students or outside parties. This may be done anonymously.
3. Users may not give their passwords to anyone. Users must sign in at a computer if a password is not needed for access to the computer.
4. Users may not offer Internet access to any individual via their TPSD Net accounts.
5. Users may not use or play any games via the network, including those accessible via Telenet, unless it is part of a class assignment or project.
6. Users may not use or alter anyone else's Internet account.

7. Users may not create or share computer viruses.
8. Users may not destroy another person's data.
9. Users are not permitted to get from or put onto the network any copyrighted material (including software) or threatening, obscene or pornographic material.
10. No illegal activities may be conducted via the network.
11. All communications and information accessible via the network.
12. Pop, candy and food are not allowed while working on or near computers.
13. Chat rooms and e-mail, unless set up or assigned for educational purposes, are not permitted.
14. If students have any questions about the legitimacy of their activities, they should ask a teacher or a building administrator.
15. Users must not bypass any security measure installed on network computers. District Internet users are expected to abide by these generally accepted network etiquette rules. These include, but are not limited to, the following:
 1. Be polite and respectful. Do not threaten, write, read or send abusive messages. Inappropriate messages can result in suspension of access privileges.
 2. Treat other online users, as you would like to be treated — with respect.

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