

## Appropriate Use of the Internet in K-12 - RRISD Statement

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The Internet can be a powerful teaching and learning tool for all ages. The Round Rock Independent School District has developed the attached matrix of appropriate use for classrooms, libraries and labs. These procedures for student use of the Internet are designed to serve as guidelines for teachers who use the Internet to support their curriculum. Following these guidelines will help minimize the possibility that students will be exposed to, or be producers of, inappropriate Internet material. As with any learning tool, students must have appropriate instruction and supervision while using Round Rock ISD's electronic communication system tools. Teachers must use their professional judgment to make instructional decisions based on their own knowledge and the developmental level of the individual child.

### There are five rules for Round Rock ISD Internet use that must be followed:

- Use of Round Rock ISD's Electronic Communication System (ECS) must be to support the mission and goals of the Round Rock ISD.
- All Internet use by students must be supervised by adults. (The student should have permission to use the Internet and be supervised by Round Rock ISD staff.)
- No student should type their own or anyone else's name, address, phone number or other personal information into anything on the Internet without teacher supervision.
- All students and staff must have a signed Acceptable Use permission form on file every year.
- Only students who have a signed Internet Denial Form, or students whose privileges have been suspended for disciplinary action, will be denied Internet access.

Students must develop appropriate behavior when using technology and the Internet.

- In the table below, activities marked with "**yes**" are appropriate at the given grade level (always with teacher knowledge, supervision and prior instruction).
- Activities with "**possible**" may be something that teachers want to do with students provided there is close supervision and the activity supports the mission and goals of the Round Rock ISD.
- Activities that are marked with "**no**" are not deemed appropriate for that age level. It is the student's responsibility to make sure that the Internet and the ECS are used in a safe, responsible manner.

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Grade Level	K - 2	3 - 5	6 - 8	9 - 12
<b>Specific Use of the Internet</b>				
Teachers use the Internet for teacher professional development.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Teachers use the Internet for curriculum resources or classroom demonstration.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Teachers preview web sites before introducing them to class. (No searching with students present.)	Always	Always	Always	Always
Teachers and students use the Internet e-mail for class projects.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Substitute <sup>1</sup> teachers and student teachers <sup>1</sup> use the Internet with classes.	Possible*	Possible*	Possible*	Possible*
Students contribute to class or school web pages/publication.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Class participation in teacher-led, live electronic chat.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Students use bookmark lists built or approved by teachers.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Students use teacher-designed web pages.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Students browse <sup>2</sup> teacher-selected web pages with staff supervision.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Students search <sup>3</sup> children's subject directories (e.g. Ask Jeeves, Yahooligans).	Possible*	Yes	Yes	Yes
Students search <sup>4</sup> the Internet with search engines (e.g. AltaVista, Excite).	No	Possible*	Yes	Yes
Students type teacher-approved URL's s directly into the Locator Bar.	Possible*	Possible*	Possible*	Yes
Students use their own individual electronic mail <sup>4</sup> accounts for research and in accordance with AUP.	Possible*	Possible*	Possible*	Yes
Students build their own curriculum-related web pages under teacher supervision. (See AUP for permissions).	Possible*	Possible*	Yes*	Yes
Students work independently to build web pages as a school sponsored curriculum-related project.	Possible*	Possible*	Yes	Yes
Students engage in individual real-time curriculum-related chatting.	Possible*	Possible*	Possible*	Possible*

Students must have an educational purpose for using the Internet.	Always	Always	Always	Always
Students and staff may upload educational materials to the Internet.	Possible*	Possible*	Possible*	Possible*
Students and staff may download educational materials to the Internet.	Possible*	Possible*	Possible*	Possible*
*Possible means with close staff supervision and campus approval.				
<sup>1</sup> Substitutes--unless they have attended RRISD Acceptable Use Training and have signed the staff AU form.				
<sup>2</sup> Browsing means clicking through the pages of a specific website to view the content of those pages.				
<sup>3</sup> Searching means typing a key word into a search engine and conducting a search for information.				
<sup>4</sup> Electronic mail means web-based email (i.e. Yahoo or Hot mail).				