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A Guide for
Parents

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Alvin ISD is now offering a filtered AISDVIP network on all campuses. Students in grades 3-12 may bring a personal device to school and use for educational purposes. Students are expected to connect to the filtered AISD wireless network to ensure access to the best online resources.

Important Facts

- Users of the AISDVIP wireless network have filtered internet access just as they would on a district-owned device.
- Students in grades 3-12 may now bring their own technology devices (laptop, netbook, cellphone, iPhone, iPad, iPod, and tablet) to campuses, and they will be utilized in the classroom at the discretion of the teacher. Nintendo DS and/or other gaming devices with internet access are not permissible at this time.
- By connecting to the Alvin ISD wireless network, users accept the terms of the Alvin ISD Responsible Use Guidelines, located in the Student Handbook.
- In addition to bringing their own devices, students will have access to their own Google Apps account, including Gmail, within the Alvin ISD student domain.
- Students are expected to exhibit digital responsibility and follow the Responsible Use Guidelines while using technology.

Responsibility for Devices

- The technology devices students bring to school are their sole responsibility.
- The campus or district assumes no responsibility for personal devices if they are lost, loaned, damaged, or stolen and only limited time or resources will be spent trying to locate stolen or lost items.
- Each student is responsible for his/her own device: set-up, maintenance, charging, and security. Staff members will not store student devices at any time, nor will any District staff diagnose, repair, or work on a student's personal telecommunication device.
- Each student is responsible for bringing devices to school fully charged and in good working order.
- Students must keep devices in silent mode or vibrate mode while riding school buses and on school campuses, unless otherwise allowed by a teacher/staff member.

Wireless Information

When a student brings his/her own technology device to campus, it is mandatory that the device utilize the AISDVIP network. For example, an Alvin High School student will choose the "AISDVIP" wireless ID, and sign in using his/her AISD username and password to browse the internet. By logging into the AISDVIP network, they are accepting the terms of the Alvin ISD Student Responsible Use Guidelines. Once on the AISD wireless network all users will have filtered Internet access just as they would on a district-owned device.

Frequently Asked Questions

I brought my device to school to use in the classroom, but my teacher said I couldn't use it in her classroom. Can I still use it?

The teacher in the classroom has the final say on procedures in the classroom. If he or she asks you not to use your device, then you should follow those directions. Access is available but not guaranteed for each classroom situation.

I don't have my own electronic communications device to bring to school. Will I be penalized or miss out on instruction?

No! It is not mandatory for students to bring a device, even if they do own one. When electronic devices are used to enhance learning in the classroom, students without a personal device will be provided access to an appropriate district-owned device based on availability or provided with an alternative way of completing the assignment. Keep in mind that learning can be enhanced greatly for the entire class even if only a handful of students have a device!

I am uncertain on specific policy regarding times and locations my personal device can be used during the school day. Exactly when am I allowed?

<i>All Campuses</i>	<i>Appropriate Use</i>
<i>Before/After School</i>	Yes
<i>In class when my teacher designates use for learning</i>	Yes
<i>During Passing Periods</i>	Yes
<i>During Lunch</i>	Yes

Students will not be allowed to use the device in anyway to cause a disruption to the school day. This includes, but is not limited to, recording video/audio or taking photos between classes and in the cafeteria unless otherwise allowed by a teacher/staff member.

I have my laptop/mobile device with me in class. How do I get on the Internet now?

Most laptops or other personal technology devices (smart phones), will detect a wireless connection when you are near one. Your device should prompt you to join an available network. When prompted, choose the student wireless ID from the list (for example: AISDVIP). Once you choose this network and open an Internet browser, you will log in using your AISD network username and password.

Frequently Asked Questions (Continued)

I need to save my work onto my AISD student U: drive. Why can't I access this resource from my device?

Within AISD, you are on a wireless network that is designed to give you Internet access only. It is not the same as the network you would normally access from a district-owned computer. You will not see your U: drive, so you will need to save your work in your Google Apps account or in the AISD Cloud. You can access these accounts from anywhere you have connectivity—at home, school, Starbucks, McDonalds, etc.

I just can't get my laptop to connect to the network. Can I get some help from someone?

It is not the responsibility of your teachers or other AISD staff to troubleshoot individual devices during the school day. Check your owner's manual for issues concerning connectivity.

I need to print the spreadsheet I just created. Why is there no printer listed when I try this?

Printers are networked differently on the campus and will not be available when you login to the AISDVIP wireless network.

What if my laptop or phone is stolen or damaged? What recourse can I take?

Students bring electronic communication devices to school at their own risk, just like any other personal item. The district will not be held responsible if an electronic device or other item is lost, stolen, or misplaced, including those that have been confiscated.

Is it required that I use the Alvin ISD wireless? Can I use my own 3G or 4G service?

It is absolutely required that you use the district filtered wireless and is stated as such in the Alvin ISD Responsible Use Guidelines. Using your own wireless provider during school is an agreement breach and the violation will result in confiscation of your device.