

USD 435 is committed to providing learning opportunities for the students. We believe that the use of technology and the internet will increase opportunities for learning in this district. USD 435 recognizes that it is impossible to restrict all access to controversial materials. We do comply with CIPA (Children's Internet Protection Act) by filtering all internet content. USD 435 may use, but are not limited to using, your child's first name, displaying your child's work, showing your child's anonymous photo and may allow your child to use e-mail.

For the 2015-16 school year, parents who allow their student to take an iPad home, will be given three options for internet filtering while the device is not at school. All of the options are CIPA compliant. Two of the tiers are more restrictive than CIPA requirements. Below is a summary of each option:

Tier 1:

- Student iPads will be filtered 24 hours, 7 days a week. (CIPA Compliant)
- Students have the ability to add personal apps via their own iTunes account subject to parent permission
- Students have the ability to go to all websites. (unless filtered)

Tier 2:

- Student iPads will be filtered 24 hours, 7 days a week. (CIPA Compliant)
- Students have the ability to add personal apps via their own iTunes account subject to parent permission
- Students have the ability to go to websites, but will be more restricted. All social web sites will be blocked at all times.

Tier 3:

- Student iPads will be filtered 24 hours, 7 days a week. (CIPA Compliant)
- Students will **NOT** have the ability to download their own apps via the iTunes store. The only apps will be school approved apps that USD 435 has approved for classroom use.
- Students have the ability to go to websites that are needed for school use. Powerschool, My Big Campus, Abileneschools.org, and other sites that USD 435 has approved for classroom use.

One other change for 6-12th grade students will be the option to bring their own iPad2 or greater. Students may use their own device during the school day after the parent and the student have agreed to and signed the bring your own device agreement. The district's acceptable use policy also applies to personal devices while at school, school events, and on school property.

As a parent, if you have questions, concerns, or wish to not have your child participate in the internet activities, please call your child's school.

Acceptable Use

All use of the Internet must be in support of education, research, and consistent with the purposes and outcomes set forth by the Abilene Unified School District 435.

Unacceptable Use

1. Any use of the network to facilitate illegal activity is prohibited at all USD 435 schools.
2. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm, modify, and destroy data of another user, or other networks that are or are not connected to the internet backbone. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creating of computer viruses. Computer viruses are programs designed to spread themselves and can destroy valuable programs and data. To reduce the risk of spreading a computer virus, files may not be imported without teacher or administrator approval. Deliberate attempts to degrade or disrupt system performance or vandalize any computer system are considered a criminal act under state and federal law and are prohibited at all USD 435 schools.
3. Transmission of any material in violation of any United States or state regulation is prohibited at USD 435 schools. This includes, but not limited to, copyrighted materials, threatening, pornographic, or obscene materials, or material protected by trade secret.
4. Users shall not intentionally seek information on, obtain copies of, or modify files, other data, or passwords belonging to other users, or misrepresent other users on the network.
5. Hate mail, harassment, discriminatory remarks, and other antisocial behaviors are prohibited at USD 435 schools.
6. Use of the network to transmit material likely to be offensive or objectionable to recipients is prohibited at USD 435 schools.
7. Any subscriptions to Listservs or Newsgroups must be pre-approved by the building Internet coordinator/media specialists.
8. Any user identified as a security risk for the school district may be denied access to the internet by USD 435.

Penalties for Improper Use

ANY USER ENGAGED IN UNACCEPTABLE USE OF THE INTERNET AND NOT USING PROPER NETIQUETTE, WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ACCESS TO THE INTERNET. THEY ARE NOT ONLY SUBJECT TO LOSS OF NETWORK PRIVILEGES BUT MAY BE SUBJECT TO OTHER DISTRICT DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS.