

TECH@THES



2014-15 School Year

Dear Travis Heights Families,

This year we have some amazing opportunities for students with multiple computer labs, 1:1 student to device ratios, expansion of our Blended Learning math pilot, and increased student leadership opportunities in media & technology.

In support of these initiatives, please find the following documents for you to complete and return to your teacher **no later than September 8th, 2014.**

Equipment Contract

This year we are excited to have ChromeBooks coming to our campus. These laptop-looking, yet 'cloud-based' computers will be a great resource for our students. Our aim is to provide 1:1 devices for every student. Please see the student/ parent contract for caring for campus technology resources. Your support is important for keeping our resources in top shape for students.

Media Releases

There are many opportunities through the year where students may be video taped or photographed. These may be used for the web, campus program trainings or promotions, and student generated work, activities or field trips. The District requires us to specifically seek your permission thus, please see the attached media release for students.

\$5.00 technology fee

Because students will be using 1:1 technology, part of the school supply list includes a \$5.00 technology fee to pay for individual student headphones this year. Each student will be given a set of headphones. The headphones will be labeled with the student's name. They will stay at school during the year and then sent home for the summer.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me or your child's teacher.

Thanks,



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Media & Technology
Travis Heights Elementary
AISD's 1st In-District Charter



Contract of Responsibilities & Expectations TRAVIS HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY TECHNOLOGY

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Dear Student and Parent,

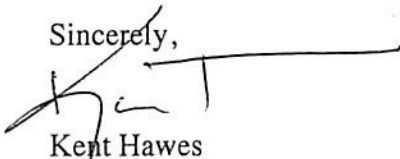
Technology is an important part of the world today, and it is an important part of your education here at Travis Heights Elementary, as well. This year we will be receiving new computer and media equipment that will allow EACH of you to have hands-on experiences using these tools for projects and classroom lessons.

Use of these tools, facilities and access to the district's network services come with certain expectations and responsibilities. This equipment is delicate and expensive. Once it is damaged or lost it can take a school year to replace.

Each student and their parent (or legal guardian) is being asked to sign a "Contract of Responsibilities & Expectations" indicating they are aware of the obligations for handling and using the equipment. As student leaders, you and your colleagues also agree that you will assist your school and your teacher by making sure everyone ROCKS (is Responsible, Organized, Considerate, Kind and Scholarly) when using the equipment and encourage all to properly care for these resources.

The entire THES Technology Team welcomes this great opportunity to expand student understanding, use and skills in technology and, with your help, keeping our resources in solid working condition.

Sincerely,



Kent Hawes



Madison Parker

Technology Team Co-Chairs

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Student Expectations:

1. Only the teacher may disconnect and reconnect the netbooks from the charger cables.
2. Before accepting the netbook from the teacher, check to make sure it is your assigned computer.
3. Move around with the netbook only with your teacher's permission.
4. Always carry the netbook with both hands.
5. When carrying the netbook, pay attention to your surroundings for safety.
6. Only use the netbook on a solid, stable, clean surface like a table or a desk.
7. Keep all liquids—as well as food, gum, glitter, dirt, and anything else that can spill—completely away from the netbooks.
8. Keep fingers, pencils, and other sharp objects away from the screen and away from openings around the computer.
9. Never take the netbook out of the classroom.
10. Keep your username and password private.
11. Before your netbook is stored in the cart, make sure it is shut down completely. Closing the lid does not shut down the computer.
12. If a netbook is damaged or doesn't work properly, report it to your teacher immediately.

Student Consequences:

1. Loss of netbook privileges for a period of time.
2. Loss of netbook privileges for the remainder of the school year.
3. District and/or school disciplinary action, including suspension or expulsion, and/or appropriate legal action may be taken.
4. A student and their parent/guardian will be responsible for damages and liable for costs incurred for service or repair.

By signing this contract, I, _____, understand and agree to responsibly use and care for the equipment assigned to me this year.

Your classroom computer is: _____ Your access code is: _____

Additional Assigned Equipment: _____

Agreed and Signed:

_____ Date _____
Student

_____ Date _____
Parent or Guardian

AUSTIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Talent Release

For my engagement as talent for the Austin Independent School District (hereinafter AISD), I hereby consent and without further consideration or compensation to the use (full or in part) of all videotape recordings taken of me and/or recordings made of my voice and/or written extraction, in whole or in part, of such recordings or performance for the purposes of illustration, broadcast, or distribution in any manner.

I hereby irrevocably agree that all videotape recordings of me used and taken by the AISD is owned by them and that they may copyright material containing same.

Further, I acknowledge and agree to the terms as described below and hereby grant in perpetuity to the AISD:

A. The right and permission to copyright and use, or not use, in whole or in part, and/or to reuse by means of electronic and/or non-electronic media and to republish and distribute videotape recordings, photographs or recordings of my voice; including the event of unintentional distortion due to technical mishap, through any media by AISD at its studio or elsewhere, for any purpose whatsoever; including the use of printed material in conjunction therewith. I understand the materials are for non-commercial educational use.

B. I hereby waive any right to inspect or approve the finished videotape, sound track, copy and/or printed material which may be used in conjunction therewith or approve the eventual use to which it may be applied.

C. On my own behalf, and on behalf of my heirs, next of kind, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, I hereby release discharge and agree to save harmless AISD, its representatives, assigns, employees or any person or persons, acting under its permission or authority, or any person, persons, corporation or corporations for who AISD might be acting, including any firm publishing and/or distributing the finished product, in whole or in part, from and against any liability and damages arising as a result of distortion, blurring or alteration, optical illusion, or use in composite form either unintentionally or otherwise that may occur or be produced in the taking, processing or reproduction of the finished product, its publication, distribution or broadcast of same.

I have read the foregoing release, authorization and agreement, before affixing my signature below, and warrant that I fully understand the contents thereof.

_____ I hereby certify that I am at least 18 years of age and competent to contract in my own name in so far as the above is concerned.

Signature: _____ Print Name: _____

Address: _____ Date: _____

_____ I hereby certify that I am the parent and/or guardian of _____,

a child under the age of eighteen years. I hereby consent that any videotape recordings that have been, or are about to be made by AISD, may be used by AISD for the purpose set forth in the original release hereinabove.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Print Name: _____

Address: _____ Date: _____

