



Purpose:

The Rockwall Independent School District (RISD) provides eReader devices to promote independent reading and to allow students to interact with text in new ways.

Definition:

eReader (electronic reader): a device for reading content, such as eBooks, newspapers and documents. A stand-alone eReader typically has wireless connectivity for downloading content and conducting other Web-based tasks.

Regulations:

The use of the RISD technology resources is a privilege, not a right. The privilege of using the technology provided by RISD is not transferable or extendible by students to people or groups outside the district and terminates when a student is no longer enrolled in the RISD. This policy is provided to make all users aware of the responsibilities associated with efficient, ethical, and lawful use of technology resources. If a person violates any of the User Terms and Conditions named in this policy, privileges may be terminated, access to the school district technology resources may be denied and the appropriate disciplinary action shall be applied. The RISD Student Handbook shall be applied to student infractions.

User Terms and Conditions:

The use of eReaders in RISD is subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. The use of eReaders is for educational and/or research purposes consistent with the mission, goals, and objectives of the RISD along with State & Federal regulations. In compliance with federal law, the school district shall make reasonable effort to restrict access to inappropriate materials and may monitor the on-line activities of end users in the school environment.
2. User accounts are considered the property of RISD. Network administrators may review Internet logs to maintain system integrity and to insure that devices are used responsibly.
3. Users have no expectation of privacy in their browsing history or with any items stored on the eReader.
4. Prohibited technology resource activities include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Sending, accessing, uploading, downloading, or distributing offensive, profane, threatening, pornographic, obscene, or sexually explicit materials.
 - b. Vandalizing, disabling, or intentionally damaging eReaders and eReader content.

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- c. Attempting to repair, remove or install hardware components reserved for an authorized service technician.
- d. Violating copyright or other protected material laws.
- e. Attempting to log on to the Internet or eReader management software as an administrator.
- f. Installing, enabling, launching, or creating programs that interfere with the performance of the network, internet, or hardware technology resources.
- g. Creating, uploading, or transmitting computer viruses.
- h. Attempting to defeat eReader or network security.

Consequences: Suspension of eReader privileges and/or referral to school authorities

5. The RISD does not guarantee that its technology resources will be uninterrupted or error-free.
6. Students will be held responsible for maintaining eReaders that are in their possession and keeping them in good working order.
 - a. Only labels or stickers approved by the RISD may be applied to the eReader.
 - b. eReaders must be kept in their protective cases.
 - c. Stacking items (such as books) on top of eReaders should be avoided.
 - d. Keep eReaders away from liquids.
 - e. Tampering with or altering software or device settings is prohibited.
7. Users may not connect the eReaders to any computer at school or at home.
8. Users shall not register the eReader with a personal credit card to purchase items; any fees, costs, charges, or other expenses that would be incurred in the event a personal credit card was registered with the Kindle will be the users responsibility.
9. Any security or equipment problems should be reported to the Librarian.
10. Stolen eReaders should be reported to the campus principal.
11. All users are expected to follow copyright laws.

Disclaimer of Liability

The District shall not be liable for users' inappropriate use of the District's technology resources, violations of copyright restrictions or other laws, users' mistakes or negligence, and costs incurred by users. The District shall not be responsible for ensuring the availability of the District's technology resources or the accuracy, age appropriateness, or usability of any information found on the Internet.



eReader Borrowing Agreement

An eReader, (e.g. Kindle, Nook, etc.), is a convenient, portable reading device that can hold a vast number of books. Users can highlight passages, take notes, and look up words in the dictionary using the eReader. The Rockwall Independent School District has acquired eReaders for student use. While it is exciting that students are using new technology to nurture their love of reading, there are some rules for the appropriate use of these devices. An eReader, plus charger and protective case, cost approximately \$225. For this reason, parental permission is required before an eReader can be checked out to a student.

Student Agreement:

In addition to following the Rockwall ISD Student Acceptable Use Policy**, I understand that the eReader belongs to Rockwall ISD and I am responsible for its safety and proper use. I agree to take care of the RISD eReader while it is checked out to me and use it for its intended purpose.

I will not:

- remove the eReader from its protective case.
- throw, toss, or damage the eReader in any way.
- get the eReader wet.
- stack items on top of the eReader
(like putting the eReader in the bottom of a backpack with books on top).
- tamper with or alter software or device settings.
- give the eReader to another student for his/her use.
- leave the eReader unsupervised where it might get stolen.
- add or delete books or content to the eReader.
- connect the eReader to my personal computer at school or at home, or register the eReader with a personal credit card to purchase items.

I will:

- return the eReader in good condition when it is due, on _____
- return all parts of the device, including the charger and protective case to my school's librarian.

(Student's name)

Date



eReader Parent/Guardian Borrowing Agreement:

I authorize my child, _____, to borrow an eReader from the Rockwall Independent School District.

- I understand the eReader belongs to RISD and my child will comply with the RISD Student Handbook and Acceptable Use* policy, found on the school website, as well as the eReader Student Agreement (see below).
- I will help ensure the safe and timely return of the eReader when it is due.
- I understand I am financially responsible for intentional damage or vandalism to the eReader, and for any charges resulting from unauthorized content downloaded to the eReader (see device costs below).
- Further, I understand my child may lose future borrowing privileges of an eReader if there is damage or the device is not returned in a timely manner.

(Print Parent/Guardian Name) (Parent/Guardian signature) Date

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- return the eReader in good condition when it is due, on _____
- return all parts of the device, including the charger and protective case to the school librarian.

<p>*For full text of <i>Student Handbook</i> and <i>Acceptable Use Policy</i>: http://www.rockwallisd.com/students/general/</p>	<p>**Replacement costs: eReader: \$175 Cover: \$32 Cables/adapters: \$20</p>
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