



Welcome to the 2024-2025 School Year at NISD! 🎉

Hello, Northside Students!

The Technology Services Department is excited to welcome you back for another amazing year of learning and exploring. As you dive into new challenges and opportunities, you need to know how to keep your digital world safe. Don't worry; we've got you covered! We've created a special guide to help you become a "TechSafe" superhero. Let's make sure your digital adventures are always safe and secure!

Device Care Tips 📱

Your device is important to your classroom experiences and education. Proper care of your device will help you be successful in the classroom and avoid fees.

- Be gentle with your devices. Don't drop them, hit them, or leave them in hot or cold places.
- Keep your devices clean. Wipe them off with a soft cloth to remove dust and dirt.
- Remember your charger! Plug in your device regularly to keep it powered up.

- Keep your username and password secret. Don't share them with anyone else.
- Tell your teacher and the Technology Support Specialist (TSS) immediately if your device is broken or lost.
- You must return your device to the school when the school year ends or you withdraw from your school.

Online Safety

Be a good digital citizen when online. Taking the measures below is a great start to being a healthy online participant.

- Make sure your device is updated. Turn it off and on again to keep it up-to-date and working well.
- Don't click on links in emails or messages from people you don't know.
- Tell your teacher if you see something strange or suspicious.
- Stay focused on your classwork.
- Take breaks from your device(s).
- Be kind to others.
- Protect your username/password, and do not ask others for theirs.

What Northside does to protect you

- Review Sites and Apps- A team of dedicated employees implement programs and review applications for appropriate student use. Sites/Applications are approved based on the following criteria:
 - Safety: We ensure that there are no inappropriate ads, data isn't collected and shared inappropriately, and the terms of services allow children of a certain age to use the program.
 - Compatibility: We ensure that programs will work on the device and not slow it down.
 - Instructional Impact: We approve applications that will support learning and lessons.

At Northside, we prioritize the safety of our staff and students. To ensure your success, we request your daily cooperation in upholding best practices. By doing so, we can collectively shield ourselves and Northside ISD from potential threats. Additionally, we can guarantee that each student has access to a device, enabling them to participate in class actively.

Wishing you a remarkable and secure academic year ahead! Stay Tech Safe!

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