

# For Parents

## Student Use of Mobile Device

The Public Schools of Southwest ISD recognizes that with new technologies come new challenges to both teachers and parents. Below is a list of suggestions that may aid you, the parent, in effectively guiding your child's use of the iPad.

1. Take extra steps to protect your child. Encourage your child to use and store the device in an open area of your home, such as the kitchen or family room, so you can monitor what your child is doing online. Use the Internet with your child to help develop safe surfing habits.
2. Go where your child goes online. Monitor the places that your child visits. Let your child know that you're there, and help teach him/her to act appropriately as he/she works and socializes online.
3. Review your child's friends list. You may want to limit your child's online "friends" to people your child actually knows and is working with in real life.
4. Understand sites' privacy policies. Internet sites should spell out your rights to review and delete your child's information.
5. Report unwelcome or malicious online threats. Report any online interactions that can be considered threatening to the proper authorities in a timely fashion to the school.
6. Help your child develop a routine. Many parents have found success by creating and monitoring a routine for their child's appropriate use and care of the iPad.
7. Take a look at the apps or programs. It is to the advantage of the students, parents, and school that the parents have a working understanding of the programs and student work found on the device.
8. Read and share the Southwest ISD Mobile Device Care and Maintenance Guidelines with your child. By reading and discussing the care and maintenance guidelines, you can create a clear set of expectations and limitations for your child.
9. Protective carrying bags. Southwest ISD strongly suggests students utilize a protective carrying bag to help prevent accidental dropping of the device.