

ICHS Social Media Comments and Participation Policy

First and foremost, students are encouraged to always exercise the utmost caution when participating in any form of social media or online communications, both within the ICHS community and beyond. Students who participate in online interactions must remember that their posts reflect on the entire Irwin County High School community and, as such, are subject to the same behavioral standards set forth in the Student Code of Conduct.

Comments to ICHS-sponsored sites, such as its website, via blogs, online forums, etc., or social media sites, are welcome and encouraged, and we look forward to hearing from you. To promote respectful discussion within this forum, we request that you be courteous and productive and avoid comments that are profane, obscene, offensive, sexually explicit, inappropriate, inflammatory or otherwise objectionable. Blogs often foster debate of an issue; users are to engage in such exchanges with mutual respect for others' opinions.

For the privacy of users and their families, please assume that all postings to ICHS-sponsored sites will be publicly available on the Internet and therefore publicly accessible without limitation or protection of any kind. Please consider how much personal information to share, with the understanding that this information may be linked to your name and published on the Internet.

By posting a comment or other material to ICHS-sponsored sites as outlined above, users give ICHS the irrevocable right and license to exercise all copyright, publicity, and moral rights with respect to any content you provide, which includes using your submission for any purpose in any form and on any media, including but not limited to: displaying, modifying, reproducing, distributing, creating other works from, and publishing your submission. ICHS reserves the right to review all comments before they are posted, and to edit them to preserve readability for other users.

ICHS further reserves the right to reject or remove comments for any reason, including but not limited to our belief that the comments violate this comment policy, to determine in its sole discretion which submissions meet its qualifications for posting, and to remove comments for any reason, including but not limited to our belief that the comments violate this policy. Any submissions that fail to follow this policy in any way or are otherwise irrelevant will be removed.

We also reserve the right to amend this policy from time to time in our judgment to address issues that may arise and changes in our operations or the law.

In posting material on ICHS-sponsored sites, you agree not to:

- A. Post material that ICHS determines is threatening, harassing, illegal, obscene, defamatory, slanderous, or hostile towards any individual or entity.
- B. Post phone numbers, email addresses or other confidential information of students, faculty, or any other person other than yourself. If you choose to post your own contact information for any reason, please be aware that the information will be available to the public and is, therefore, subject to misuse.
- C. Post material that infringes on the rights of ICHS or any individual or entity, including privacy, intellectual property or publication rights.
- D. Post material that promotes or advertises a commercial product or solicits business or membership or financial or other support in any business, group or organization except those which are officially sponsored by ICHS, except in designated areas specifically marked for this purpose.
- E. Post chain letters, post the same comment multiple times, or otherwise distribute "spam" via the ICHS-sponsored site.
- F. Allow any other individual or entity to use your identification for posting or viewing comments.
- G. Post comments under multiple names or using another person's name.

ICHS reserves the right to do any or all of the following:

- A. Ban future posts from people who repeatedly violate this Policy. We may affect such bans by refusing posts from specific email addresses or IP addresses, or through other means as necessary.
- B. Remove or edit comments at any time, whether or not they violate this Policy.

User agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Irwin County High School, its affiliates, directors, employees, successors and assigns against any damages, losses, liabilities, judgments, causes of action, costs or expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees and costs) arising out of any claim by a third party relating to any material user has posted on ICHS-sponsored sites.

By posting a comment or material of any kind on a ICHS-sponsored site, the user hereby agrees to the Policy set forth above. Violators will be subject to disciplinary action.

In use of social media, students are expected to abide by the following:

- A. To protect the privacy of ICHS students and faculty, students may not, under any circumstances, create digital video recordings of ICHS community members either on campus or at off-campus ICHS events for online publication or distribution.
- B. Students may not use social media sites to publish disparaging, intimidating, belittling or harassing remarks about ICHS

community members, athletic or academic contest rivals, etc.

- C. Students who choose to post editorial content to websites or other forms of online media must ensure that their submission does not reflect poorly upon the school.

Failure to abide by this Policy, as with other policies at ICHS, may result in disciplinary action as described below, or as determined by administration.