

Welcome to the Gradespeed Parent Connection

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Thorndale ISD knows that you are as interested as we are in the progress and success of your student.

To keep you informed progress reports are mailed at the mid-point of each three weeks and report cards at the end of each nine weeks. We will enter grades regularly and adhere to the grading standards and guidelines for each course. Grade books are works in progress, reflecting changes as assignments are completed.

The timely and convenient viewing of your student's progress can only encourage them to do their best.

*The administrators and teachers of
Thorndale Independent School District*

Thorndale ISD ParentConnection User Agreement

Thorndale ISD strives to maintain an atmosphere that encourages sharing of knowledge, creative processes and collaborative efforts within the school district's educational, research and service missions with parents and community. Access to these electronic information systems is a privilege, not a right, and must be treated as such by all users of these systems. All users must act honestly, responsibly, and prudently. Every user is responsible for the integrity of these information resources. All users must respect the rights of other computer users, and take care in acting responsibly to safeguard the security and confidentiality of electronic resources, information, and similar assets.

PRIVACY

The ParentConnection program will require the following information when the user is requesting an online account:

Last name

First name

Home address

Primary phone number

E-mail address

Thorndale ISD uses this information in order to assist in the verification and activation of the account. For further information on privacy policies, Thorndale ISD's Board Policy Manual may be accessed by contacting the Superintendent's office at 898-2538.

Only those Thorndale ISD employees who work directly with the ParentConnection software will have access to the information you enter online. Thorndale ISD, under certain circumstances, may be required to disclose information to authorities when it is reasonably believed that such action is necessary to: (1) conform to legal requirements or

comply with legal processes; (2) protect and defend the rights and property of Thorndale ISD; or (3) protect the legal or personal interests of Thorndale ISD employees.

Because the security of your personally identifiable information is of concern to us, Thorndale ISD has physical, electronic and managerial procedures in place to assist us in providing secure transmission of your information from your PC to our servers. Unfortunately, no data transmission over the Internet can be guaranteed to be secure. As a result, while Thorndale ISD strives to protect your personal information, we cannot and do not ensure or warrant the security of any information you transmit to us or from our online services, and you do so at your own risk

Users may not supply false or misleading data, nor improperly obtain another user's password, in order to gain access to computers or network systems, data or information. Users shall not misrepresent others on the system or attempt to gain unauthorized access.

Thorndale ISD accounts are all password protected so that only authorized members are permitted to access them or view the member information relevant to the account. We recommend that you do not divulge your password to anyone. Thorndale ISD will not ask you for your password in an unsolicited phone call or email. You are solely responsible for maintaining the secrecy of your password and any account information.

SECURE NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE

Firewalls – Access to the Thorndale ISD's application network must pass through firewalls in order to secure access to the ParentConnection database.

PASSWORD PROTECTION MEASURES

A carefully chosen password would NOT be:

Simple dictionary words, common campus phrases, or names.

Your name, a family member's name, your birthday, or Social Security number.

A carefully chosen password WOULD be:

At least six characters in length and consist of letters and numbers.

LEGAL CONTEXT OF THIS POLICY

Regarding legal context; all existing laws (local, state and federal) and district policies, regulations and rules apply; including not only those laws, policies, regulations and rules that are specific to computers and networks, but also those that apply generally to personal conduct.