

District-Wide Software Applications

Standards – General

Crowley ISD uses a number of District-Wide Software Applications to help employees complete job functions and help protect either its students, employees, or network.

Virus Protection

Windows Defender is the standard Virus Software installed on every computer or server connected to the network. Windows Endpoint Security and Control gives Crowley ISD the best proactive protection against viruses, malware, and unwanted applications across a wide range of platforms.

Virus Removal

Should your district computer become infected, please notify the Technology Department HelpDesk so that we can attempt to remove the virus.

Internet Content Filtering

Content Filtering is required by federal regulations and protects users from unwanted access to inappropriate websites. Surfing the Internet has become a critical part of conducting business, however inappropriate Internet usage has led to lower productivity, inappropriate use of company resources, harassment, legal liability, and human resource issues. To comply with CIPA, the Internet sites that you visit are logged in our Dell Sonic firewall and we randomly inspect browser caches.

Crowley ISD uses Dell Sonic Wall for its Internet filtering. Sonic Walls Web Filtering Service regulates and provides valuable insight into all Web activities allowing customers to meet new Government Regulations, HR Policies & District Internet Usage Policies.

Unblock a Website

To have a website unblocked from the Internet Filter, you must fill and submit a “Crowley ISD Request for Permission to OPEN a Blocked Internet Site” found in eduphoria!

Block a Website

If you notice a website that is inappropriate for students or employees, please send the website URL to the Technology Department to have the website blocked.

Electronic Mail (e-mail)

Microsoft Office 365 is a secure, dynamic collaboration solution that offers Crowley ISD employees a safe and protected way to communicate with students, parents, and community members.

Access Usage Reminders

- District e-mail is not private. It is subject to state and federal laws and policies.
- E-mail is subject to record retention laws and regulations. Please see Board policies.
- Board policy requires that all emails be professional in nature.
- You may change your password at any time, but you may not share your password.

Access

To access your District e-mail while away from work, please visit the districts Single Sign On solution:

<https://encore.crowley.k12.tx.us>

- Type in your Username and password
- Click Enter

SPAM/Quarantined E-mail

The amount of SPAM e-mail is greatly reduced through the District's Barracuda Email Security Services.

- Daily spam summary emails are sent to each Crowley ISD email user to notify them to check their quarantined emails.
- If you check their quarantined email at least once a week, you will most likely not miss any important email that has been misclassified as spam.
- Quarantined email is deleted if it is not checked after a week

The technology department attempts to block all unwanted SPAM; however, it is impossible to block all SPAM without blocking all outside email from coming into Crowley ISD.

Access

In order to access your quarantined email, please visit the districts Single Sign On solution:

<https://encore.crowley.k12.tx.us>

- Type in your email address and password
- Click enter

District Accounting System

The Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS) encompasses all data requested and received by the Texas Education Agency about public education, including student demographics and academic performance, personnel, financial and organizational information.

Student Accounting System

The district's student accounting system database is Skyward Student Information System. Skyward is maintained through the PEIMS and Information Services in the Technology Department and is responsible for submitting the required data to the Texas Education Agency. If you do not have access to Skyward and need access, please contact PEIMS and Information Services.

To log into Skyward, please visit the districts Single Sign On solution:

<https://encore.crowley.k12.tx.us>

- Type in your username and password
- Click enter

Finance Accounting System

Skyward Finance and Human Resources is used by the district to manage its business functions. It includes purchasing, accounting, payroll and human services modules. Access to the software is controlled by the Finance Department and maintained by the technology department. If you need access to the finance system, please complete a request through eduphoria.

To log into Skyward, please visit the districts Single Sign On solution:

<https://encore.crowley.k12.tx.us>

- Type in your username and password
- Click enter

Gradebook/Teacher Access Center

Teacher Access Center, the districts standard gradebook, is through Skyward Student Information System. All new teachers receive teacher access center training during their induction training before school begins. Your building Campus Instructional Technologist will coordinate and teacher access center issues. If you do not have access to the teacher access center, please fill out an eduphoria! work request/change form.

To log into Teacher Access Center, please use the districts Single Sign On solution:

<https://encore.crowley.k12.tx.us>

- Type in your username and password
- Click enter

Parent Portal/Home Access Center

Crowley ISD provides parents with the ability to check out their children's grades, attendance and discipline through a Parent Portal known as Skyward Family Access. Parents will be given a single username and password to access every child's information within one location, If you have any questions regarding Skyward Family Access, please contact PEIMS and Information Services.

To log into Skyward Family Access, please visit the districts Single Sign On solution:

<https://encore.crowley.k12.tx.us>

Library Services

The districts library software is Destiny by Follett. Destiny is a cross platform library automation software solution used in thousands of libraries worldwide. Destiny is web based and will allow students and parents to access campus collections from both school and home. Please contact your building Librarian for library training and issues.

Eduphoria

Eduphoria! SchoolObjects is an integrated suite of applications that Crowley ISD utilizes for operational support.

SchoolObjects suite includes:

- Workshop – Training sign up
- Helpdesk – Work Order
- Formspace – Transportation and other forms

To log into Eduphoria!, please visit the districts single sign on solution:

<https://encore.crowley.k12.tx.us>

- Type in your email address and the password you created for this account
- Click enter

Software List

The following technology items are typically purchased through the Technology Department. While this is an extensive list, if you have question about an item not listed, please submit the product for review to our Technology Services Online Catalog <http://crowley.vicsystems.co/>.

District Wide Software

- Microsoft Office
- Adobe Creative Cloud
- AESOP
- Applitrack
- Skyward Student
- Skyward Finance/HR
- Naviance
- Eduphoria
- TalentEd
- DMAC Solutions
- TEKS Resource
- BlackBoard Parent Link
- BlackBoard Web Services

Technology Services

- Active Directory
- Microsoft ESS
- SMORE (Newsletter)
- CBTNuggets (Tech Training)
- Dell Sonic Wall Firewall CIPA
- Livestream
- Formsite
- Rev.com (captioning)
- Encore Single Sign On
- Cannon Server Software
- Barracude SPAM Filter
- Spreaker

Classroom/Teacher/Lab Software

- Brain Pop
- Rosetta Stone
- Achieve 3000
- STEM Scopes
- Dreambox Learning
- IStation
- Think Through Math
- Office 365 Suite
- Reflex Math
- Learning A to Z
- Compass Learning
- Blackboard Learning Mgt System
- Google Apps
- NearPod
- Canvas
- Google Classroom

Library Software

- TIPs/Hayes Textbook
- Destiny Library System
- OverDrive