**Online Research Questions**

Use a computer to find the answers to the following questions.

1. Does Texas have a formal ‘Acceptable Use’ policy/law?
2. According to Texas Administrative Code Chapter 202 Subchapter A Rule 202.1, what is a

‘Custodian of an Information Resource’?

1. What section of administrative code applies to the acceptable use of Internet, Email/Messages, and P2P file sharing?
2. Does an employer have the legal right to control what you see and do on the Internet when you are at work? Should he/she be able to control access in this manner?
3. State employees are not supposed to send ‘political’ emails supporting a particular candidate or political position using a government owned electronic device. This law includes teachers.

In some school districts, teachers are allowed to use their ‘school’ computers to check personal email. If a teacher checks his/her personal email while at school and sends out an email supporting a particular candidate from his/her personal email account but using a school computer, has (s)he violated the Acceptable Use Policy as written by the state? What are the possible consequences if so?

1. When was the Texas Acceptable Use Code enacted?
2. Describe the responsibilities of a network administrator and compare them to the responsibilities of a ‘Custodian of Information Resource’.
3. According to the Texas Acceptable Use Policy, can a state employee be terminated for violating the rules?
4. What division of the Texas government is responsible for the management of government information and communications technology?
5. Are employers using social media and online background searches to help determine whether to hire a particular individual?
6. Should an employer be able to require that you give him/her your social media account information including user I.D. and password before (s)he agrees to hire you? Why or why not?
7. Would you consider the network administrator of a school district a ‘Custodian of Information Resource’?
8. Should an employer be able to fire you for things you post online? Why or why not?
9. According to the Texas Acceptable Use Policy, who owns the files created or stored on state/government owned equipment?
10. According to the Texas Security Incident Reporting Instructions,

TAC §202 requires each state agency and institution of higher education to provide timely reporting of certain types of security incidents to DIR, which, depending on the threat or level of risk to the State, could mean emergency reporting. Timely reporting is required (preferably within 24 hours) for incidents that may

1. Propagate to other state systems; (emergency reporting)
2. Result in criminal violations that shall be reported to law enforcement; or
3. Involve the unauthorized disclosure or modification of confidential information, e.g., sensitive personal information

List three different ways a student could violate the third statement and be reported to the Texas IT Security Management staff.