

Internet Acceptable Use Agreement

The Fannin County School District will enforce its Acceptable Use and Internet Safety Guidelines. Upon reading the guidelines, each student must sign an approved Internet Network Access Agreement before they will be given the opportunity to enjoy Internet access at school. If a student is under the age of 18, his or her parents or legal guardian must also read and sign the agreement. The school district will not provide access to any student who fails to obtain the required signature on an approved agreement.

I. INTERNET SAFETY AND EDUCATION

- A. Individual Responsibility of Parents and User: All users and their parents or guardians are advised that due to the nature of the Internet, it is extremely difficult for the Board of Education to completely regulate and monitor the information received or sent by students. Students will be required to make independent decisions and use good judgment in their use of the Internet.
- B. Personal Safety: Be safe. When using the computer network and Internet, users should not reveal personal information such as name, home address or home telephone number without authorization from the school.
- C. Users should not arrange an in-person meeting with someone they "meet" on the computer without their parent's permission.
- D. In order to promote the safety and security of students when accessing the Internet and any online communication programs, the school district will provide age-appropriate education regarding appropriate online behavior, including interacting with others on social networking websites and in chat rooms, as well as cyberbullying awareness and response.
- E. "Hacking" and Other Illegal Activities: It is a violation of these guidelines to use the school's computer network or the Internet to gain unauthorized access to other computers or computer systems, or to attempt to gain such unauthorized access.
- F. Active Restriction Measures: The school district, either by itself or in combination with the Data Acquisition Site providing Internet access, will utilize filtering software or other technologies to prevent students from accessing visual depictions that are (i) obscene, (ii) child

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pornography, or (iii) harmful to minors. The school will also monitor the online activities of students, through direct observation and/or technical means, to ensure that the students are not accessing such depictions or any other materials which are inappropriate for minors.

II. PRIVACY

Electronic devices, as well as access to the network and Internet, are provided as a tool for education. The school district reserves the right to monitor all computer and Internet activity by a user. Therefore, privacy is not guaranteed. All such information files shall be and remain the property of the school district and no user shall have the expectation of privacy regarding such materials.

FAILURE TO FOLLOW GUIDELINES

The use of the computer network and the Internet is a privilege, not a right. Anyone violating these guidelines shall be subject to having their privileges revoked and face potential disciplinary or legal actions.

COMPLAINT PROCEDURES

Complaints and grievances should be reported to the school administration.

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INTERNET NETWORK ACCESS AGREEMENT

I accept responsibility to abide by the Board of Education's Acceptable Use Guidelines. I understand that the use of the computer network and Internet is a privilege not a right, and I agree:

- To use the computer network and Internet for appropriate educational purpose and research;
- To use the computer network and Internet only with permission of teachers and administrators;
- To be considerate of other users on the network and use appropriate language for school situations;
- Not to intentionally degrade or disrupt Internet network services or equipment. This includes but is not limited to tampering with computer hardware or software, vandalizing data, invoking computer viruses, attempting to gain access to restricted or unauthorized network services, or violating copyright laws;
- To immediately report any security problems or breeches of these responsibilities to appropriate School staff;
- To comply with all of the rules and expectations included in the policy and procedures;
- Not to divulge personal information such as addresses and telephone numbers over the Internet.

I understand that I have no right to privacy when I use the school Internet network, and I consent to staff monitoring of my communications.

I also understand that any conduct that is in conflict with these responsibilities is inappropriate and may result in termination of network access and possible disciplinary action.

Student name (please print): _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Due to the nature of the Internet, it is neither practical nor possible for the Board of Education to enforce compliance with user rules at all times. Accordingly, parents and students must recognize that students will be required to make independent decisions and use good judgment in their use of the Internet.

Therefore, parents must participate in the decision whether to allow their children access to the Internet and must communicate their own expectations to their children regarding its use.

As the parent/legal guardian of the above student, I have read, understand and agree that my child or ward shall comply with the terms of the School District's Use and Internet Safety Guidelines for student access to the School District's computer network and the Internet.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____