

North Franklin School District

Network/Internet User Agreement

We are pleased to offer students of North Franklin School District access to the District computer Network/Internet services for use in the education process. To gain access to the Internet, all students under the age of 18 must obtain parental permission and return the Network/Internet User Agreement to the school's network administrator. Failure to return this form will result in your child's lack of access to the District's Network/Internet services.

Access to the Internet will enable students to explore thousands of libraries, databases, and bulletin boards throughout the world. Families should be warned that some material accessible via the Internet may contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate or potentially offensive to some people.

While our intent is to make Internet access available to further educational goals and objectives, students may find ways to access other materials as well. We believe that the benefits to students from access to the Internet in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration exceed any disadvantages. But ultimately, parents and guardians of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using media information sources.

District Internet Guidelines

Network access is a privilege – not a right. Access entails responsibility.

Students are responsible for good behavior on school computer networks just as they are in a classroom or a school hallway. General school and District rules for behavior and communications apply.

The Network/Internet is provided for the purposes of reference, research, education, and school related business. Network/Internet access is given to students who agree to act in a responsible manner. Parent permission is required, and parents must agree to a waiver of claims and indemnification/hold harmless provisions.

Individual users of the District computer Network/Internet are responsible for their behavior, actions and communications over those networks. It is presumed that users will comply with District standards and will honor the agreements they have signed.

Students are responsible for the appropriateness and content of material they store, transmit or publish on the system. Network storage areas (user accounts) may be treated like school lockers. Network administrators may review files and communications to maintain system integrity and insure that users are using the system responsibly. Users should have no expectations of privacy in their electronic files stored on N.F.S.D. computers or communications sent through N.F.S.D. computers. Network administrators have the right to take disciplinary action and remove computer and networking privileges for any activity characterized as unethical and unacceptable.

Any system or account which requires password access will only be used by the authorized user. Account owners are ultimately responsible for all activity under their account. Account passwords are not to be shared.

During school, teachers of students will guide them toward appropriate materials. Outside of school, families bear the same responsibility for such guidance as they exercise with other information sources such as movies, telephones, radio and potentially offensive media. Students using the District Network/Internet are not permitted to do the following:

Access e-mail/chat rooms

Use another's password or account

Use obscene or defamatory language

Access offensive messages or pictures

Harass, insult, defame or attack others

Damage computers, alter computer systems or computer networks, or alter computer settings
Violate copyright laws
Give out his/her name, address or phone number
Trespass into another's folders, work or files
Intentionally waste limited resources
Use the Network/Internet for personal or commercial purposes

Misuse or abuse of Network/Internet privileges will result in loss of access, as well as disciplinary action.

I waive any claims against North Franklin School District and/or its employees or directors related to my child's use of the computer Network or Internet services. In addition, I agree to fully indemnify the N.F.S.D. and/or its employees and hold them harmless for any claims made by anyone which arise from my child's use of the N.F.S.D. computer Network or Internet services.

I have read and discussed with my child the Network/Internet User Agreement and the Code of Conduct. I commit to work together with the N.F.S.D. to teach responsible use of the powerful technologies available to my child.

Signature of User

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

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Network/Internet Code of Conduct

Use of the North Franklin School District computer Network/Internet services shall be in support of education and research that is consistent with the mission of the District. Network/Internet use is limited to those persons who have been issued District approved accounts. Use will be in accordance with the N.F.S.D. Network/Internet User Agreement Permission Form and this Code of Conduct. Misuse or abuse of Network/Internet privileges will result in loss of access, as well as disciplinary action.

Protect your Network/Internet User Account and log-in information. Do not share or use another's password. Use only your own password.

Respect the privacy of others. Do not use other users' passwords.

Be ethical and courteous. Do not send hate, harassing or obscene mail, discriminatory remarks, or demonstrate antisocial behaviors.

Treat information created by others as the private property of the creator. Respect copyrights.

Do not destroy, modify or abuse the hardware or software in any way.

Maintain the integrity of files and data. Do not modify or copy files/data of other users without their consent. Do not change computer settings.

Use the Network/Internet in a way that does not disrupt its use by others.

The Network/Internet is to be used for school purposes only. It is not to be used for commercial or individual use.

Do not "hack" the system. Do not develop or pass on programs that harass other users or infiltrate a computer or computing system and/or damage the software components of a computer computing system, such as viruses, worms, "chain" messages, global mailings, RegEdit, etc.

Use the Network/Internet to access only educationally relevant material. Do not access E-mail Accounts or Chat Rooms. The Internet is for school reference and research only.

11. Do not use the Internet to access or process pornographic or otherwise inappropriate material.

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** The N.F.S.D. reserves the right to remove a user's account if it is determined that the user is engaged in unauthorized activity or is violating this Code of Conduct or the Network/Internet User Agreement Permission Form.