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TECHNOLOGY RESPONSIBILITY CODE

The Purpose of Technology at Fenton Charter Public Schools

This Technology Responsibility Code serves as Fenton Charter Public Schools' ("FCPS") "Acceptable Use Policy" governing students' use of FCPS technology and network. Computers and other technology are used to support learning and enhance instruction. One of the most powerful tools of technology is the Internet, which is a network of networks that allows millions of people, organizations, and businesses to interact. We must all understand that access to the Internet is an educational benefit to the students, but that FCPS, staff members, and students do not have control over the content of the information found on the Internet.

School's Responsibility

FCPS uses safeguarded passwords to help ensure the smooth and functional access to technology. We ask all community members to keep these passwords safe because if these passwords fall into the wrong hands and are used inappropriately, this could cause harm to the school.

FCPS uses an Internet filter, which eliminates most of the problems concerning access to inappropriate websites and content. This must not lead to a false sense of security because there is no such thing as a perfect filter. Even with such protections, it is impossible for FCPS to control the receipt and delivery of all digital content.

Staff Responsibility

Staff members have the responsibility to uphold the FCPS's technology policies. Policies, consequences, and remedies are in place to help ensure that all staff members participate in both enriching the students' education through technology and protecting students from improper activities and material.

Parent/Guardian Responsibility

Parents must monitor FCPS technology use at home and support FCPS's technology policies. If at any time, there is a situation that seems questionable (e.g., student accesses inappropriate content on FCPS equipment), parents should communicate with the school as soon as possible in order to eliminate any escalating problems.

Report any damage to any FCPS technology to school staff. If a student willfully damages or defaces, or willfully does not return upon demand FCPS technology, parent/guardian may be held responsible for paying to repair or replace the school property. Additionally, grades, diplomas and transcripts may be withheld if a parent/guardian does not repair or replace such school property.

By working as a team, we can promote FCPS technology's maximum benefit to students.

Student Responsibility

Students are expected to exercise good judgment and common sense when using FCPS technology (e.g., Tablet, Wi-Fi Hotspot) or network. This use is a privilege that depends on a student's ability to use technology in a responsible, efficient, ethical, and legal manner. Student technology and internet use must not disrupt school activities or otherwise compromise individual and school safety.

Students are **never** allowed to:
- Use the Internet or FCPS technology for any illegal or inappropriate purpose.
- View inappropriate material on websites.
- Use profane, obscene, impolite, or abusive language.
- Change or delete computer files that do not belong to the user.
- Damage computer equipment, files, or data or the network in any way, including intentionally accessing, transmitting, or downloading viruses or other harmful files or programs.
- Give out any personal information over the Internet.
- Use another person's account information (i.e. username and password).
- Violate someone else's privacy, either deliberately or accidentally.

Remember:
- Students must not place FCPS technology near any food, drinks or magnets.
- Keep passwords private.
- Email should be used appropriately.
- Do not share private information about yourself and other students (such as phone numbers, addresses, or last names) on the internet. This information should never be shared with anybody.

Student use of FCPS technology and network is not private. FCPS reserves the right to monitor students' technology use and online activities and to access, review, copy, and store or delete any electronic communication or files and disclose them to others as it deems necessary.

If a student discovers a secure password, it is his/her responsibility to inform a staff member. If the password is used or shared, FCPS shall consider taking disciplinary action.

If repeated attempts to access inappropriate websites are discovered, FCPS shall consider taking disciplinary action.

Teachers will instruct students as to their personal responsibility to avoid questionable websites. Specific instructions will be given about what to do if they accidentally find themselves on an inappropriate website.

Students will follow the FCPS Internet Safety Policy. Student and Parents will follow any rules associated with FCPS-issued technology (e.g., tablets, Wi-Fi Mobile Hotspots).

Failure to follow this policy may result in the following disciplinary action:
- Removal from the classroom to a school administrator
- Parental notification

- Student's technology privileges revoked
- School privileges/activities revoked
- Suspension
- Expulsion