

Fayette County Public Schools

Acceptable Use Policy

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The District recognizes that access to technology in school gives students greater opportunities to learn, engage, communicate, and develop skills that will prepare them for work, life, and citizenship. We are committed to helping students develop technology and communication skills. To that end, we provide access to technologies for students and staff use for educational purposes. This Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) outlines the provisions and expectations of that use by students, teachers, and parents when using school technologies or personally owned devices on District property.

Roles and Responsibilities of Staff

The District believes that the use of technology requires all users to be safe and responsible digital citizens. As such, the District will utilize the following strategies to help keep users safe.

- Digital citizenship instruction for students will be completed each year.
- Teachers and staff will actively monitor permitted student technology use within the classroom.
- Internet access will be restricted as required by state and federal regulations and District policies. Web activity may be monitored and recorded at any time.
- Network and school administration may review files and communications to ensure appropriate use.

Roles and Responsibilities of Parents/Guardians

The District expects parents/guardians to partner with us in teaching students to use available technology safely and appropriately. Although FCPS devices are monitored and every effort is made to prevent inappropriate use, it's impossible to block all unsuitable content. Parents are accountable for overseeing what students access through any non-District wireless or cellular connection, as these are not maintained by the District. Parents are responsible for monitoring student activity on FCPS devices when used outside of class. The District is not liable for any damage or loss resulting from the use of personal devices in the school setting.

Roles and Responsibilities of Students

Technology and network access is intended solely to support educational goals and instruction. Students are expected to use resources responsibly and will be held accountable for their behavior and communications. All communications, data and files stored or transmitted via the District network are considered property of Fayette County Public Schools and may be reviewed and/or removed. Within reason and legal guidelines, freedom of speech and access to information shall be honored.

Examples of Acceptable Use include (but are not limited to):

- Follow school and District behavior expectations to be a respectful and responsible digital citizen.
- Use online/network resources (including email) as instructed and for educational purposes.
- Store and share only appropriate material.
- Use school and/or personal technology only at approved times for appropriate purposes.

Examples of Unacceptable Use include (but are not limited to):

- Use technology only at approved times for appropriate purposes.
- Create, send and/or willfully receive any content that is inappropriate, offensive, harassing, or profane in nature or that which promotes violence or illegal activity.
- Willfully waste limited resources or use them for non-academic purposes – (file storage, printing, bandwidth).
- Intentionally bypassing network filtering to access unapproved content.
- Use or share another person's username or password, or share your username and password with others.
- Compromise the network and its settings in any way – (hacking, spamming, bypassing security, connecting unapproved devices, etc.).

- Use the school network for personal gain, entertainment, political promotion or activities unrelated to school.
- Violate copyright laws or commit plagiarism, with or without the use of Artificial Intelligence including, but not limited to, the copying of software images, music or other copyright protected files.
- Intentionally damage or steal District or personal technology-related property.
- Engage in cyberbullying, harassment, or disrespectful conduct toward others.

Violations of the Acceptable Use Policy

Students who violate the AUP are subject to the same disciplinary actions as prescribed by the Student Code of Conduct for similar offline behaviors and are at the discretion of the school administration.

Consent for Students to Create Online Accounts

As part of instruction, students may use various websites for educational purposes in addition to school-provided resources to create digital projects. Many educational sites require student accounts. Sometimes the district or teachers are able create accounts for students but not always. The Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA) requires any child under age 13 to have parental consent before creating accounts on certain sites. Signing this document indicates that you permit your child to create an account on teacher-designated sites used for educational purposes. The sites teachers use with students must be approved by the District, and the sites must adhere to KRS 61.931; KRS 61.932; KRS 61.933.

Consent for Use

By signing this form, you hereby accept and agree that your child's rights to use the electronic and physical resources provided by the District and/or the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) are subject to the terms and conditions set forth in District policy/procedure. Data stored in relation to such services is managed by the District pursuant to policy 08.2323 and accompanying procedures. You also understand that the e-mail address provided to your child can also be used to access other electronic services or technologies that may or may not be sponsored by the District, which provide features such as online storage, online communications and collaborations, and instant messaging. Use of those services is subject to either standard consumer terms of use or a standard consent model. Data stored in those systems, where applicable, may be managed pursuant to the agreement between KDE and designated service providers or between the end user and the service provider. Before your child can use online services, your child must accept the service agreement and, in certain cases, obtain your consent.

As a student of Fayette County Public Schools, I understand and agree to follow the rules as stated in the Acceptable Use Policy above.

Student Signature

Printed Student Name

Date

School: _____ **Grade:** _____

As the parent/guardian of the above student, I understand and agree to the Acceptable Use Policy as stated above and referenced in board policy 08.2323 and accompanying procedures (available at www.fcps.net). I understand that this consent will remain in effect until the student is no longer enrolled in an FCPS school unless I rescind consent in writing.

Parent Signature

Printed Parent Name

Date

NOTE: FEDERAL LAW REQUIRES THE DISTRICT TO MONITOR ONLINE ACTIVITIES OF MINORS.