

## **STUDENT TECHNOLOGY ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY**

Farmersville ISD uses a variety of procedures to protect our students and provide for appropriate use of technology. First, we utilize a filter for the Internet, allowing us to block identified, inappropriate sites. This database is updated nightly. Second, students are monitored when using the Internet for research. Third, administrators and faculty may review files and messages to maintain system integrity and ensure that users are acting responsibly.

All students in Farmersville ISD must adhere to the following standards:

1. Students must not access, modify, download, or install computer programs, files, or information belonging to others.
2. Students must not alter computers, networks, printers or other equipment except as directed by a staff member.
3. Technology, including electronic communication, is for appropriate educational purposes only.
4. Students must not release personal information on the Internet.
5. Personal FISD network access information must not be given to other students.
6. If a student finds an inappropriate site or image, he or she must immediately minimize the program and contact the instructor.
7. Students must not create and should report any instances of disrespectful, threatening, or profane communication.
8. Students shall adhere to all laws and statutes related to issues of copyright or plagiarism.
9. Students must not bypass or attempt to bypass Internet Filters.
10. Students must not engage in "cyber-bullying". The use of technology (computers & internet social networks) that has the effect of physically harming a student, damaging a student's property, or placing a student in reasonable fear of harm to the student's person or of damage to the student's property; or be sufficiently severe, persistent, or pervasive to create an intimidating, threatening, or abusive educational environment for a student.
11. Students must not engage in "sexting" which is the sharing of provocative or nude photos using technology.

Violation of any of these standards may result in suspension of computer use, Internet privileges and/or other disciplinary action.

The district makes no guarantee that the functions or the services provided by or through the district system will be error-free or without defect. The district will not be responsible for any damage the user may suffer, including but not limited to, loss of data or interruptions of service. The district is not responsible for the accuracy or quality of the information obtained through or stored on the system. The district will not be responsible for financial obligations arising from unauthorized use of the system.

Computer network privileges, including Internet, will be granted only after the following signature form is signed and returned to school. Upon communicating with school personnel, parents have the right to limit the access to electronic information and view the contents of the files created by their child. The use of electronic mail (e-mail), moreover, between school personnel and parent(s) is not guaranteed to be private. By signing, you and your child agree to comply with the acceptable use policy presented here.

## ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

### STUDENT AGREEMENT

I have read the Farmersville Acceptable Use Policy for network access and agree to abide by the provisions. I understand that any violation of the regulations is unethical and may constitute a criminal offense. Should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked and school disciplinary action and/or appropriate legal actions may be taken. In consideration for the privilege of using the District's electronic communications system; and in consideration for having access to the public networks, I hereby release the District, its operators, and any institutions with which they are affiliated from any and all claims and damages of any nature arising from my use of, or inability to use, the system, including, without limitation, the type of damages identified in the District's policy and administrative regulations.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### PARENT OR GUARDIAN PERMISSION

As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read the Farmersville ISD Acceptable Use Policy. I understand that any violation of the regulations is unethical and may constitute a criminal offense. Should my child commit any violation, his/her access privileges may be revoked and school disciplinary action and/or appropriate legal actions may be taken. In consideration for the privilege of his/her using the District's electronic communications system; and in consideration for his/her having access to the public networks, I hereby release the District, its operators, and any institutions with which they are affiliated from any and all claims and damages of any nature arising from his/her use of, or inability to use, the system, including, without limitation, the type of damages identified in the District's policy and administrative regulations.

I understand that this access is designed for educational purposes. I also recognize that it is impossible to restrict access to all controversial materials and will not hold Farmersville ISD responsible for materials acquired on the network.

I hereby give permission to issue an account for my child.

Parent or Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_