

Student Use of Fargo Public Schools Technology

Responsible Use Policy for Technology

Use of a computer and the Internet are part of the daily activities for all students. Students are encouraged to use the school district's secure and reliable network for school-related research and work. The online activities of students are a natural extension of their classwork and are subject to the same rules and expectations as outlined in the student handbook.

STUDENTS CAN:

1. Use individual logins assigned by the school to access network resources. Students may not share personal login information. Any action of the user which results in a compromise of the system performance and security is inappropriate.
2. Use network and email accounts responsibly in school. Students may not use other student or staff member's network or email accounts without their knowledge or consent.
3. Use the network to obtain, publish, store, or display information appropriate for school-related projects. Inaccurate or objectionable material is prohibited, including:
 - Information that encourages the use of tobacco, alcohol or controlled substances or otherwise promotes associated activities.
 - Information or software which is in violation of the copyright or license agreements.
 - Information which encourages the toleration or promotion of discrimination against either individuals or groups.
 - Information that promotes criminal or gang-related activities.
 - Information that promotes gambling.
 - Information or software that is pornographic or sexually explicit in nature.
 - Impersonate another student or staff member online or create an online representation of the school or the school district.
 - The personal use of the district's network for commercial transactions. Students and parents assume full responsibility for any costs to the school district due to online purchases made by the student.
4. Play educationally relevant online games, stream video, and stream audio only when directed by a classroom teacher.
5. Use technology responsibly in school. Students should not attempt to bypass security and web filtering protocols via use of a proxy, VPN, or private hotspot with their assigned learning device.

VIOLATIONS of this policy will result in penalties appropriate to the level of misconduct, ranging from minor (ex. restricted internet access) to major (ex. legal prosecution, removal of all network privileges). School officials may consider student conduct as a whole in determining the appropriate level of punishment.

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