



Flagler County Public Schools Electronic Systems Use Agreement

Please read this document carefully before signing.

GOAL

The Flagler County School District believes the Internet and other electronic systems offer vast, diverse, and unique resources to both students and staff. Our goal in providing these services is to promote educational excellence in schools by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication.

The utilization of computer technology by employees and students is an integral part of the educational programs and administration of the School District. It is the policy of the School Board of Flagler County to strongly encourage and support the use of technology by students and staff. The School Board recognizes that keeping pace with computer technology is vital for the success and preparation of our students in the future. Keeping pace with technology is also necessary for the efficient operation of the School District. It is the intent of the School Board to provide meaningful opportunities for students to learn and benefit from advances in computer technology and information resources. In addition, it is the intent of the School Board to support staff with training and equipment to maximize instruction and administrative efficiency.

With access to a global network also comes the potential availability of material that may be inappropriate for a school setting. The Flagler County School District, in accordance with its policies and procedures, will take reasonable precautions to ensure the appropriate use of its network by staff, students, and visitors to the district. However, it is not technically possible to control all materials and users may encounter inappropriate information either by accident or through intentional misuse of the system. The Flagler County School District believes the educational value of information and interaction through electronic systems outweighs the risk of inappropriate use. The Use Agreement below outlines terms and conditions of system use that must be followed by students, staff, and visitors to the district. Staff and students must complete and return this agreement prior to accessing any network connected systems. For students under the age of 18, a parent or guardian's signature is also required.

refs. Board Policy 317

ACCEPTABLE USE

Electronic resources provided by the Flagler County School District are to be used in a manner consistent with the district's educational mission and goals. Students and staff are encouraged to use the systems in support of research, instruction, collaboration, and other forms of academic work. Use of these resources is governed by federal, state, and local regulations. Use of the district's electronic resources in an illegal or unethical manner may result in disciplinary action, including loss of privileges to use the system, school or district sanctions, and referral to appropriate law enforcement authorities. The following guidelines illustrate the types of things that users should and should not do with electronic systems.

Personal Security

Personal information such as complete names, addresses, telephone numbers and identifiable photos should remain confidential when communicating on the system. Students should never reveal such information without permission from their teacher and parent or guardian. No user may disclose, use, or disseminate personal identification information regarding minors without authorization. Students should notify their teacher or other adult whenever they come across information or messages they deem dangerous or inappropriate on the web or when using electronic mail, chat rooms, instant messaging or any other form of electronic communication.

System Security

1. System logins or accounts are to be used only by the authorized owner of the account for the authorized purpose. Users may not share their account number or password with another person or leave an open file or session unattended or unsupervised. Account owners are ultimately responsible for all activity under their account.
2. Users shall not seek information on, obtain copies of, or modify files, other data, or passwords belonging to other users; misrepresent other users on the system; or attempt to gain unauthorized access to any entity on the K-12 Network.
3. Communications may not be encrypted so as to avoid security review.
4. Users should change passwords regularly and avoid easily guessed passwords.
5. No use of the system shall serve to disrupt the operation of the system by others. System components including hardware or software shall not be destroyed, modified, or abused in any way. Malicious use of the system to develop programs or institute practices that harass other users or gain unauthorized access to any entity on the system and/or damage the components of an entity on the network is prohibited.

Appropriate Content and Behavior

1. The unauthorized installation, use, storage, or distribution of copyrighted software or materials on district computers is prohibited. All users of the network shall comply with current copyright laws.
2. The system constitutes public facilities and may not be used to support or oppose political candidates or ballot measures.
3. Users are responsible for the appropriateness of the material they transmit over the system. Hate mail, harassment, discriminatory remarks, or other antisocial behaviors are expressly prohibited.
4. Use of the system to access, store, or distribute obscene or pornographic material is prohibited.

Filtering and Monitoring

1. In accordance with federal, state, and local regulations, filtering software is used to control access to the Internet. This blocks or filters visual depictions that are obscene and other content that is harmful to minors. Parents are advised, however, that filtering technology is imperfect, and that the possibility exists of obtaining access to prohibited materials. Educational staff will, to the best of their ability, monitor students' use of the Internet, and will take reasonable measures to prevent access to inappropriate materials.
2. From time to time the district will make a determination on whether specific uses of the network are consistent with the regulations stated above. For security and administrative purposes the district reserves the right for authorized personnel to review network use and content. The district reserves the right to remove an individual's network access privileges to prevent further unauthorized activity.

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(Return this page to school)

Student Name (please print): _____

Grade: _____ Teacher: _____ Student ID# _____

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I understand and will abide by the above Electronic Systems Use Agreement, I further understand that any violation of the regulations above is unethical and may constitute a criminal offense. Should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked, school disciplinary action may be taken, and/or appropriate legal action.

Date: _____ User Signature: _____

Parent or Guardian

As a parent or guardian of the student, I have read the Electronic Systems Use Agreement. I understand that this access is designed for educational purposes. I also recognize it is impossible for Flagler County School District to restrict access to controversial materials and I will not hold them responsible for materials acquired on the network. Further, I accept full responsibility for supervision of and when my child's use is not in a school setting. I hereby give permission to issue an account to my child and certify that the information contained on this form is correct.

Parent or Guardian's Name (please print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

These permissions will continue until the student changes schools within the system, is withdrawn or they are changed in writing.