



# Fullerton School District

## STUDENT INTERNET/SOFTWARE ACCEPTABLE USE

### 1.0 PURPOSE

The Innovation and Instructional Support (IIS) department, principal or designee shall oversee the maintenance of each school's technological resources and may establish guidelines and limits on their use. It is the student's personal responsibility to educate themselves on the proper and appropriate use of technology in addition to understanding the guidelines within. Teachers and staff also educate our students on the proper and appropriate use of technology.

### 2.0 GUIDELINES

#### 2.1 Educational Purpose

The District's network has been established as a link to the Internet for educational purposes. Use of the District's computing resources is a privilege, not a right. The District may place reasonable restrictions on the material students can access or post through the system, and may revoke access to these resources if there is a violation of the law or this regulation. Violations of the law or this regulation may also be addressed through the District's Student Conduct and Anti-bullying Policy and may be referred to law enforcement. Students may not use the District network for commercial purposes. This means the student may not offer, provide, or purchase products or services through the District network unless approved by administration as part of an educational project.

#### 2.2 Access to Online Materials

The material students may access through the District's network should be for class assignments or educational research related to a subject or course of study. Use for entertainment purposes, such as personal blogging, instant messaging, online shopping, or gaming is not allowed, with the exception of District-approved discussion boards, games, blogs, or chat groups for specific instructional purposes. To provide the best possible educational use of the District network, students will be provided access to various educational services which are accessible both at home and at school. These services allow students to access educational content, collaborate on assignments, communicate with peers and teachers, be creative with class assignments, and extend learning opportunities beyond the traditional school day.

Students will not use the District network to access, publish, send, or receive any material in violation of applicable law. This includes, but is not limited to: material that is obscene; child pornography; material that depicts, or describes in an offensive way, violence, nudity, sex, death, or bodily functions; material that has been designated for adults only; material that promotes or advocates illegal activities; material that promotes alcohol, tobacco, weapons or gang activity; material that advocates participation in hate groups or other potentially dangerous groups; material protected as a trade secret or material that can be construed as harassment or disparagement of others based on their race/ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, age, disability, religion, or political beliefs.

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Students who mistakenly access inappropriate information must immediately report such access to a teacher or other staff member. Timely reporting of this material may help to protect a student against a claim that they have intentionally violated this regulation.

Staff shall supervise students while they are using online services and may have teacher aides, student aides, and volunteers assist with supervision. Parent/Guardian is exclusively responsible for monitoring his or her child(s) use of the Internet when off campus and when accessing District approved online educational systems from home or a non-school location. All students using District-owned devices while off campus must utilize the District's filtered Internet access.

All students will be issued Google Workspace for Education (Google) accounts in the District Google educational domain. It is a service provided by Google that allows users to effectively communicate and collaborate in a safe and secure online educational environment while increasing organization and preventing lost homework as all work is stored in the Google Server Cloud. The District Google domain is managed and secured by District administrative oversight. This enables students to log into their accounts to work from any internet connected device. Students shall not share their work with anyone outside the District domain or invite others outside the District domain unless given express permission by their teacher or site administrator. Students shall only share and collaborate on projects that have been assigned by a teacher. Students will respect the collaborative work of teachers and peers.

The District is not responsible for online material accessed off campus on a non-District network.

### **2.3 Protection of Personally Identifiable & Confidential Information**

To protect one's personal contact information, students will not share online their full name or information that would allow an individual to locate a student, including family name, home address or location, work address or location, or phone number. Students will not disclose names, personal contact information, or any other private or personal information about other students or District employees. If personal information is shared, students will promptly disclose this to their teacher or school administrator. Any message one receives that is inappropriate or makes them feel uncomfortable should be reported as well. Students should not delete such messages until instructed to do so by a school staff member after an investigation is complete.

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA") prohibits school officials from disclosing personally identifiable information ("PII") from education records of students and families to third parties without parental consent except when a vendor is acting under the school official exemption in FERPA. Please see the Parent Handbook for more information. Personally identifiable information includes but is not limited to student name, school assigned student identification number, email address, phone number, ethnicity, and grade level. Exceptions to this general rule may apply when releasing PII to online education learning solutions. The District releases student information to approved online educational solutions to enhance the learning process. The online educational providers agree to and comply with District information security regulations in order to protect the transfer and storage of personal identifiable information to the third-party provider. No third-party disclosure of PII is acceptable. The provider may not use data to target ads towards the student.

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### **2.4 Unlawful, Unauthorized, and Inappropriate Uses and Activities**

The following activities are unlawful, unauthorized, and inappropriate:

- Attempting to gain unauthorized access to the District network or to any other computer system through the District network or go beyond your authorized access. This includes attempting to log in through another person's account or to access another person's files.
- Connecting any personal devices to the District network, other than the District guest network, without express permission from IIS. Guest access to the District's open wireless network is provided as a service to the community and is subject to all policies and guidelines covered in this agreement.
- Hacking the network or any other computer system or destroying data by spreading computer viruses or by any other means.
- Using the District network to engage in any other unlawful act, including arranging for a drug sale or the purchase of alcohol, engaging in criminal gang activity, visiting the dark web, threatening the safety of any person, etc.
- Attempting to alter or interfere with other users' abilities to post, send, receive, or submit material.
- Attempting to delete, copy, or modify another users' work or identity.
- Creating a personal network or "hot spot" with unauthorized equipment in order to gain access to the District Internet. Utilizing proxies, personal networks, or cellular networks or hot spots in order to bypass the District filter.
- Utilizing peer-to-peer file sharing, torrents, or similar technology to download, steal, copy, or borrow copyrighted work, music, video, movies, or other content.
- Using the District network or any technology to cheat.

### **2.5 Inappropriate Language, Posting about others, Cyberbullying**

Students must avoid inappropriate language in their electronic communications utilizing any District resource. Students will not:

- Use obscene, profane, lewd, vulgar, inflammatory or threatening language or images including but not limited to "sexting".
- Post information that may cause damage or a danger of disruption to your school or any other organization(s) or person(s)..
- Post photographs, video, or voice recordings of any person(s) of minor age without the consent of administration/designee or the written consent of the minor's legal parent or guardian.
- Engage in personal attacks, including prejudicial or discriminatory attacks.
- Harass or bully another person. Cyberbullying is prohibited by state law and District policy. Bullying or harassment that is done on or off campus with a computer or any type of communications device may result in discipline at school up to and including expulsion, legal action, or prosecution by the appropriate law enforcement authorities.
- Knowingly or recklessly post false or defamatory information about a person or organization.

Students will promptly disclose to a teacher or another school employee any message they receive from any other student that is in violation of the restrictions in this section. Students will not delete these messages until instructed to do so by an administrator after an appropriate investigation has taken place.

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### **2.6 Plagiarism and Copyright Infringement**

Students will not plagiarize works that they find on the Internet. The definition of plagiarism is taking the ideas or writings of others and presenting them as if they were your own.

Students will respect the rights of copyright owners in their use of materials found on, disseminated through, or posted to the Internet. Copyright infringement occurs when students inappropriately reproduce or share a work that is protected by a copyright. Students may not quote from any source without proper attribution and/or permission. Students may not make or share copies of copyrighted songs or albums, digital images, movies or other artistic works. Unlawful peer-to-peer network file-sharing may be a criminal offense. Copyrighted material may not be placed on the District system without the author's permission.

Students may download copyrighted material for their own use only under "fair use" provisions of the copyright law. See <http://www.loc.gov/teachers/copyrightmystery/#>

Students will not utilize technology in any way to cheat or commit plagiarism while on or off the District network. This includes the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) such as ChatGPT to create essays, answers to questions, artwork, or anything that the student attempts to pass off as their own work.

### **2.7 System Security and Resource Limits**

Security on computer systems is a high priority. At all times, students are required to use their District provided individual account. Students are responsible for their individual account and should take all reasonable precautions to prevent others from being able to use their account. Under no conditions should students provide their password to another person. Students will immediately notify a teacher or other staff member if they have identified a possible security problem.

If students identify a security problem, they should notify the teacher or other staff member at once. Students should never demonstrate the problem to others.

Students will not download large files unless absolutely necessary. Students will not misuse District, school, or personal distribution lists or discussion groups for sending irrelevant messages.

Student devices may be deleted or wiped at any time without warning. All important photos, videos, or other student data should be kept in the student's Google Drive for safe keeping.

### **2.8 No Reasonable Expectation of Privacy**

Students should not expect privacy in the contents of their personal files on the District network, District approved cloud storage systems, and records of their online activity. The District's monitoring of Internet usage can reveal all activities students engage in using the District network including but not limited to documents, chats, and emails. Students will not attempt to change their District-assigned password on any program, unless authorized by IIS. The District may employ technologies to track certain app usage, behaviors, words, or phrases contained in student data, documents, emails, devices, etc.

Maintenance and monitoring of the District network may lead to discovery that students have violated this regulation, the student conduct policy, or the law. An individual search will be

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conducted if there is reasonable suspicion that a student violated this regulation, the student conduct policy, or the law. The investigation will be reasonable and related to the suspected violation.

Parents have the right to request to see the contents of their student's computer files at any time as it relates to FERPA.

### **2.9 Mobile Devices (iPads, laptops, smartphones, tablets, chromebooks, etc)**

#### **A. District-Owned Mobile Devices**

When a student is using a District-owned mobile device, all of the above rules pertaining to personal mobile devices apply, as well as the following:

- The device may be used only for school-related purposes.
- Users may only download Apps that are approved by the teacher in the Mobile Device Manager.
- For Chromebooks, students must get permission from teachers before loading Apps, and all Apps must have an educational purpose.
- Users must follow all "Apps" use agreements.
- Parents will be responsible for any intentional damage done to District-owned devices.
- Students are directed not to photograph, video tape, or record any individuals without the written permission of the teacher or administrator and the students being photographed. Recordings made in a classroom require the advance written permission of the teacher or school principal.
- Students may not take, possess or share obscene photographs or videos.
- Students may not photograph, videotape or otherwise record assessment materials and assessments.
- For PC, iOS, and Android tablets/mobile devices, software apps may only be loaded with teacher or other District employee permission.

#### **B. Personal Mobile Devices**

The use of personal mobile devices, such as laptops, smartphones, tablets, etc., by students on campus is subject to all applicable District policies and regulations concerning technology use, as well as the following rules and understandings:

- Permission to have a mobile device at school is contingent upon parent/guardian understanding of this agreement except as required by Education Code section 48901.5(b)
- All costs for data plans and fees associated with mobile devices are the responsibility of the student. The District does not require the use of personal mobile devices in any instructional setting but may allow their use to enhance learning.
- Parents understand that they are responsible for purchasing and installing filtering software on student personal devices and that personal device Internet traffic is NOT filtered by the District.
- Use of any device during class time must be authorized by the teacher.
- Students are directed not to photograph, video tape, or record any individuals without the written permission of the teacher or administrator and the students being photographed. Recordings made in a classroom require the advance written permission of the teacher or school principal.
- Students may not take, possess or share obscene photographs or videos.
- Students may not photograph, videotape or otherwise record assessment materials and assessments.

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- Personal mobile devices are not filtered and therefore students are responsible for any inappropriate material seen or searched on the device. Students shall not show other students any inappropriate material accessed on their device and will be subject to discipline if inappropriate material is accessed.
- Student owned devices are not (by themselves) sufficient for learning purposes (except in the case of BYOD at Fisler) as they cannot be managed for application and curriculum deployment and are not able to be filtered by the District.

### **3.0 ACTION**

#### **3.1 Violations of Rules listed in this Document**

The District will cooperate fully with local, state, or federal officials in any investigation related to any unlawful activities conducted through the District's electronic infrastructure to include Internet and network access; e-mail, grading systems, databases and user accounts or using a district device.

In the event there is a substantiated claim that a student has violated the law, this regulation, or the District's student conduct policy in the student's use of the District network, the student's access to the District's computer resources may be terminated and/or the student may be disciplined under applicable District policies or referred to law enforcement.

The principal or designee may cancel a student's user privileges or follow appropriate disciplinary action whenever the student is found to have violated Board policy, administrative regulation, or the District's Student Acceptable Use Agreement or any rules in this document.

#### **3.2 Responsibility for Loss, Damages, and Vandalism**

Parents can be held financially responsible for any harm that may result from a student's intentional misuse of the system. This includes damage/loss of student ipads, computers, peripherals, accessories (i.e. chargers and cables), and devices.

Vandalism, in addition to physical damage of any device, is also defined as any malicious attempt to access, harm, alter, or destroy data of another user or any other agencies or networks that are connected to the system. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses or hacking. Any vandalism may result in the loss of computer services, disciplinary action, fees assessed to students or parents, and/or legal referral.

The District assumes no responsibility for the loss, destruction or theft of any personal devices including but not limited to cellular phones, computers, or personal electronic devices. Devices should not be left unattended. School officials and District office staff are not required to investigate lost or stolen personal electronic equipment.