



FMH Acceptable Use of Technology Agreement

In making decisions regarding student access to the Internet, FMH considers that electronic information research skills are now important to the preparation of students and future employees. Access to the Internet enables students to explore thousands of libraries, databases, and other resources while exchanging messages with people around the world. FMH expects that faculty will be thoughtful when creating assignments that may require use of the Internet and will provide guidance and instruction to students in its use. As much as possible, access from school to Internet resources should be structured in ways which point students to those resources which have been evaluated prior to use. While students will be able to move beyond those resources to others that have not been previewed by staff, **FMH reserves the right to limit Internet access for grade appropriateness and content.**

Outside of school, families bear the responsibility for the same guidance of Internet use as they exercise with information sources such as telephones, radios, and other possibly offensive media. Students utilizing FMH provided Internet access must first have the permission of and must be supervised by FMH staff. Students utilizing school-provided Internet access are responsible for good behavior on-line just as they are in the classroom or other area of the school.

The purpose of FMH provided Internet access is to facilitate and support research and education. To remain eligible as users, students' must be in support of FMH's ideals and its *Acceptable Use of Technology Agreement*. **Access is a privilege, not a right. Access entails responsibility.**

FMH blocks certain websites for inappropriateness. If a student sees others connecting to, or accidentally connects to, websites that display sexually explicit, racist, or potentially offensive materials, music, or other sensitive information, the student must immediately disconnect from the site and notify the administration. The ability to connect to such sites does not imply students are granted permission to visit the site. If a student's Internet activity reveals a clear intent to visit inappropriate Internet websites, disciplinary action will be taken which may result loss of access to the technology.

Students are not permitted to visit chat rooms or blog sites. The ability to access these sites does not imply that permission is granted to visit the site.

All Internet access is to go through a filtering and firewall system. If a student is found to be deliberately attempting to bypass the firewall or school installed filter, disciplinary action will be taken by the administration.

All Internet activity on FMH computers is subject to monitoring and reviews by the FMH administration.

All students and a parent or legal guardian are required to sign this document and return it to the office before student use of FMH computers and technology.

Students that choose to bring their own laptop computer may have access to student's network locations on the school's local network, but will have very limited access to the Internet.



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- ✓ I will agree to follow the schools guidelines for when and how I use the computer and other devices.
- ✓ I will not seek out, access, look at, download, copy, post, or send any inappropriate content, photos, or other material.
- ✓ I will obey all online age limits and will not give out any personal information including my address, birthdate, social security number, passwords, phone number, or pictures or post where I am during the course of the day. I will not lie or deceive others online.
- ✓ I will not arrange to personally meet anyone I encounter or meet online.
- ✓ I will immediately report any suspicious or uncomfortable advances by others, bullying, sexual messages, or requests to meet in person to my parents or teachers and some other trusted adult.
- ✓ I will not purchase apps, programs, products, or services while online at school, or install software.
- ✓ I will obey copyright laws and not illegally download or upload music, movies, or other content. I will not use the Internet to illegally copy or plagiarize information.
- ✓ I will always use discretion and kindness in how I communicate to others, only saying what I would be willing to say to them face-to-face. I will not bully or make others look bad.
- ✓ I will not attempt to bypass any online restrictions or filters.
- ✓ I understand that violating any of these rules may result in the loss of my computer privileges, and I will accept the consequences of my actions.

Print Parents' names: _____ / _____	
Signed: _____ / _____	
_____ has permission to use <i>filtered</i> internet at FMH Print student's name	
Signed (student): _____	Date: _____
<i>The above signed student agrees to use technology at FMH in acceptable ways.</i>	