

FAYETTEVILLE (AR) PUBLIC SCHOOLS STUDENT DIGITAL RESOURCES USE POLICY

Digital resources, including Internet access, promote innovation and educational excellence consistent with the Fayetteville Board of Education's goals for the district. The district provides students with access to a multitude of instructional resources. Students must be responsible at all times to use digital resources (including desktops, laptops, and handhelds of all varieties, whether furnished by the district or brought from home) in a responsible, effective, ethical, and lawful manner.

- General school rules and standards of student conduct as stated in the existing Board Policies detailed in the parent handbook apply on school grounds, in the classroom, and while using digital resources. Student violations of this policy may result in disciplinary action. Certain violations may constitute a criminal offense. The teacher has the right to determine the level of technology use/access in the classroom. Student user of personal electronic devices must not interfere with a positive, orderly classroom environment, as stated in Policy #5.30, "Possession of Cell Phones and Other Electronic Devices."
- The district will ensure that security of the various information networks and computer systems is in place in order to maintain availability and reliability of the computer and network resources.
- The district reserves the right to monitor, inspect, copy, or review files, including email, maintained on district computers or networks. All such information shall be and remain the property of the district.
- Students are advised that they enjoy no expectation of privacy in any aspect of their computer use, including email, and that monitoring of student computer use is continuous.

Personal Safety for Students

- It is the policy of the district to equip each computer with Internet filtering software designed to prevent users from accessing material that is harmful to minors.
- The district shall provide education to all students about appropriate online behavior, including: interacting with others on social networking sites and in chat rooms, and cyber bullying awareness and response. The district maintains filtering software in compliance with the federal Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) and Arkansas Code Annotated 6-21-107.
- Students must not reveal personal information such as last name, home address, or telephone number, or any information that might allow a person to locate them while using digital resources.

- The district will follow procedures outlined in Policy 5.32, “Search, Seizure, and Interrogations,” in the event that an electronic device must be inspected for inappropriate use.

Confidentiality of Student Information

The district will not disclose personally identifiable information such as student identification number or social security number or any information that is part of the student’s academic record in any way on the Internet without the permission of a parent or guardian.

Responsibility of Parents/Guardians and Students

Students will have access to digital resources across the globe. It is important that students and parents or legal guardians discuss the requirements in this policy together. Access to digital resources will be granted only after student and parents or legal guardians sign the Digital Resources Policy Use Agreement Form. By signing, you and your student agree to comply with the responsible use policy and guidelines presented below.

Disclaimer of Liability

The district shall not be liable for a student’s inappropriate use of digital resources or violations of copyright restrictions or other laws. The district shall not be responsible for ensuring the accuracy, age appropriateness, or usability of any information found on the Internet. The district shall not be held liable for the breakage or theft of student owned equipment. The district shall not be held liable for any losses, including lost revenues, or for any claims or demands against system users by another party. Students and/or their parent or guardian will be held liable for any of the above that he/she causes.

Responsibility for Maintaining Administrative Regulations

The Board of Education of the Fayetteville Public School System hereby authorizes the Administration to adopt Administrative Regulations to carry out this policy.

Administrative Regulations for the Digital Resources Use Policy

- ✓ Students are responsible at all times for their use of digital resources and must assume personal responsibility to behave ethically and responsibly, even when technology provides them the freedom to do otherwise.
- ✓ Students are asked to view online conduct as an extension of their physical classroom. If an action is not appropriate in the classroom, it is not appropriate online.
- ✓ Students must log in and use the district's BYOD filtered network during the school day on personal electronic devices.
- ✓ Internet filters are in place. However, if a student finds an inappropriate site or image, he or she must immediately minimize the program and contact the instructor.
- ✓ Students must not tamper with or damage any digital equipment or attempt to interfere with the network services (hacking, propagation of viruses, unauthorized entry into any system, or attempts to degrade system performance).
- ✓ Students must log in using ONLY their assigned user name and they must not convey their account information to anyone else, nor attempt to use any other network user's account.
- ✓ Students must not access, modify, download, or install computer programs, files, or information belonging to others.
- ✓ Students must not waste or abuse school resources through unauthorized system use that is not tied directly to instruction or research (online gaming, downloading music, watching videos, etc.).
- ✓ Students shall adhere to all laws and district policies related to issues of copyright or plagiarism.
- ✓ Students must not create/publish/submit or display any materials/media that are abusive, obscene, sexually oriented, threatening, harassing, or damaging to another's reputation, or could be interpreted as cyber-bullying as defined by state law and should report any instances encountered.
- ✓ As always, classroom management remains the purview of the individual classroom teacher.

Digital Resources Policy Use Agreement Form

Student Information: School/Site:

Legal Name: _____ Grade: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Name:

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

I have read, and understand and agree to follow all guidelines outlined in the Fayetteville School District Digital Resources Policy and Administrative Regulations. I agree to use the network ethically and legally.

I agree not to share my network password with anyone else.

I understand that if I do not follow the policy and regulations, I will be subject to Fayetteville School District discipline policy as well as applicable state and federal laws. In addition I understand that my account can be revoked or monitored at any time for abusive or inappropriate conduct.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

I have read, understand, and agree to the policies outlined in the Fayetteville School District Digital Resources Policy and Administrative Regulations. I authorize my student to have a network account. I agree to take responsibility and liability for any claims or demands against my student should he/she violate the terms of the Computer/Network Use Policy or the Administrative Rules and Procedures.

Parent/Guardian

Signature: _____

Date: _____