



NORTH FORK LOCAL SCHOOLS COMPUTER ACCEPTABLE USE AGREEMENT



The focus of this agreement deals with Internet usage and applies to all computers, iPads and Bring Your Own Devices (BYOD) used on the North Fork Local Schools Network.

All students have access to computers in the classroom, libraries and labs that are connected to the North Fork Local School Network. The North Fork Local School Network has reference materials, word processing and other educational programs. The Internet is a separate privilege, which allows student's access to the World Wide Web (Internet). Internet access is not available to students unless the **Computer Acceptable Use Agreement** has been completed and signed. Access to chat rooms and e-mail is not permitted, except for school assigned student email accounts and teacher assigned Moodle Chat Rooms.

With access to the Internet, there is material available that is considered to be of educational value in the context of the school setting. However, on the Internet, it is impossible to control all materials, and students may discover controversial information. North Fork Local Schools firmly believe that the valuable information available on the Internet far outweighs the possibility that students may access materials that are not consistent with educational goals of our district.

These guidelines are provided so that parents/guardians may be aware of the student's responsibilities. These guidelines require the student to use the North Fork Local School Network and Internet in an efficient, ethical, and legal manner. System administrators reserve the right to monitor the North Fork Local School Network and Internet use while respecting the privacy of the student. If a student violates any of these provisions, the student's account may be terminated and future access could be denied.

The signatures on the Computer Acceptable Use Agreement are legally binding and indicate the parties who signed have read the terms and conditions carefully and understand their significance.

North Fork Local School Network and Internet – Terms and Conditions

1. Privileges – The use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use may result in cancellation of privileges. The staff of North Fork Local Schools and/or LACA reserves the right to deny, revoke, or suspend the student's accounts.
2. Acceptable Use – The use of student accounts must support education, research, and be consistent with the educational goals of the North Fork Local Schools.
 - a. Transmission of any material in violation of any U.S. or state regulation is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to copyrighted, threatening, or obscene material.
 - b. Use for commercial activities is not acceptable.
 - c. The computer shall not be used to create messages or pictures that harass, insult, or attack others.
 - d. Revealing personal addresses, email address or phone numbers is prohibited.
 - e. Malicious introduction of computer viruses is forbidden.
 - f. Students who maliciously damage hardware or software will lose privileges and will make restitution.

3. Security – Any student identified as a security risk will be denied access to the North Fork Local School Network and to the Internet.
 - a. Students are not to use any other accounts or passwords.
 - b. Using the computer or any other method to disrupt the operation of the North Fork Local Schools Network or Internet is prohibited.
 - c. Attempting to login to the network as a system administrator, without permission of the Technology Department will result in cancellation of privileges.
4. Students using personal devices (Bring Your Own Device) on the North Fork Local Schools Network are only allowed to use the “Utica Guest” or “NE/UE Guest” network. All Student iPads are to use the “Utica Student” or “NE/UE Student” network. Students and Guests are not to be on the “Utica Staff” or “NE/UE Staff” network.
5. North Fork Local Schools makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. North Fork Local Schools will not be responsible for any damages students suffer, which includes but is not limited to, loss of data or service interruptions. North Fork Local Schools specifically denies any responsibilities for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through the Internet.
6. Penalties: Penalties for infractions may be applied as determined by the school administration and district technology coordinator. Student violations may result in:
 - a. Loss of computer privileges for a specified period of time from 10 days up to one complete school year. Enforcement will carry over from one school year to the next. The length of the suspension of privileges will be determined by the seriousness of the infraction and any past violations accumulated by the student.
 - b. Parents will be notified of all violations through a written discipline report filed with the office.
 - c. Building administrators will enforce the School Code of Conduct and all penalties if warranted. These penalties may include suspension and expulsion.
7. The computer, or any electronic device, will not be used to create messages or pictures that harass, insult, or attack others. Cyberbullying is prohibited. Cyberbullying involves the use of information and communication technologies to support deliberate, repeated, and hostile behavior by an individual or group that is intended to harm others.
8. All communication accessible on the internet should be assumed to be private property (ex: copyrighted or trademarked). All copyright issues regarding software, information, and authorship must be respected. Rules against cheating and plagiarism will be enforced.
9. Use of non-educational games, videos, movies, or games/videos/movies, not assigned by a teacher, while on the network or using school property is prohibited.

Any violation of the terms and conditions set forth in this agreement is inappropriate and may constitute a criminal offense.

STUDENT: As a user of the Board’s computers/network and the Internet, you are agreeing to communicate over the Internet and the Network in an appropriate manner, honoring all relevant laws, restrictions and guidelines.

PARENT/GUARDIAN: Your signature indicates that you have read the Computer Acceptable Use Agreement and have discussed the contents with your child.

PARENT/GUARDIAN/STUDENT:

Your signature in the *Computer Acceptable Use Agreement* section on the *North Fork Local School District Signature Form* for the current school year is equivalent to signing this form and indicates that you have read the terms and conditions of this agreement carefully and understand their significance. Please keep this copy for your records.