



NORTH FORK LOCAL SCHOOLS COMPUTER RESPONSIBLE USE AGREEMENT



The focus of this agreement deals with Internet usage and applies to all computers, iPads, and personal devices used on the North Fork Local Schools Network.

The North Fork Local School District is granting you access to its network and technology resources. This is just one way of many we are enhancing the mission to teach the skills, knowledge, and behaviors you will need for college and career readiness. All students have access to technology in the classrooms, libraries, labs and iPads. Access is considered a privilege.

As a responsible citizen and a NFLS student, you are expected to use these resources and technology in a meaningful, safe and responsible way. Technology is a tool that is used to expand your horizons and learning opportunities. As a responsible citizen and user of the districts resources you should demonstrate courtesy, respect and have integrity.

Parents are advised that a determined user may be able to gain access to services and/or resources on the Internet that the Board has not authorized for educational purposes. In fact, it is impossible to guarantee students will not gain access through the Internet to information and communications that they and/or their parents may find inappropriate, offensive, objectionable or controversial. Parents assume risks by consenting to allow their child to participate in the use of the Internet. Parents of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using the Internet. The Board supports and respects each family's right to decide their student's access to the Internet.

When you sign this agreement, students acknowledge the following rules and conditions:

- ❖ Students will use technology in a safe, responsible way.
- ❖ Students will use technology in productive and appropriate ways for school related purposes.
- ❖ Students understand that all district equipment, network, their district accounts, iPads etc. are property of North Fork Local School District. Their use can be monitored at any time without their knowledge or consent.
- ❖ Students will avoid using resources in a disrupting manner that may also affect others.
- ❖ Students will use email and other means of communication responsibly. Students will not use any type of electronic device to post any negative comments regarding staff and students. This includes but isn't limited to, posting or sending threatening and non-threatening messages, pictures, videos, etc. through any type of social media
- ❖ Students will protect their personal data as well as the data of their peers. Students will abide by all confidentiality requirements in federal and state law, including but not limited to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

- ❖ Students will respect the political views of others by not using district resources for political advertising, lobbying or campaigning.
- ❖ Students understand that the district resources should not be used for the promotion of commercial goods or personal gain.
- ❖ Students will conserve district resources through proper use of video or audio streaming and network bandwidth. Using the school network without prior approval is prohibited. This applies but not limited to hosting websites, file servers, gaming sites, email systems, VPN, etc.
- ❖ Students will use technology in accordance with laws of the United States and the State of Ohio, including but not limited to the following:
 - Criminal Acts – including but not limited to “hacking” or attempting to access computer systems without authorization, harassing email, cyber bullying, cyberstalking, child pornography, vandalism, tampering with systems, etc.
 - Libel - including publicly defaming people through published material on the internet or in email, etc.
 - Copyright Protections - copying, selling or distributing copyrighted material without the express written permission of the author or publisher or engaging in plagiarism. Students should assume things on the Internet are protected by copyright.
- ❖ Students should use the account assigned to them. They will not share their password with other students or use another’s account for any reason.
- ❖ Students will obtain permission from any individual before posting any picture, video or audio of that said person online. Students are prohibited from filming or taking pictures of staff members and other students in any manner unless granted permission as it relates to the educational process.
- ❖ Students will not use technology resources to access inappropriate content. This includes but is not limited to, content related to pornography, weapons, hate speech, academic dishonesty, etc.
- ❖ Students understand that district administrators will deem what conduct is inappropriate use if such conduct is not listed in this agreement.
- ❖ Students will be given an assigned device for educational use. Personal devices will not be permitted to connect to the school network.
- ❖ North Fork Local School District will provide instruction for their students regarding appropriate use of technology and online safety and security.
- ❖ 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 damage's 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

Students understand and will abide by the above Responsible Use Policy. Should a student violate the policy, they understand that the consequence of their actions could include suspension of computer and iPad privileges, disciplinary action up to and including expulsion,

and/or referral to law enforcement.

STUDENT: As a user of the North Fork Local School Districts 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 Responsible 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.

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