

INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY (AUP)

Introduction

The internet links thousands of computer networks around the world, giving Faith School students access to a wide variety of computer and information resources. In general, electronic traffic passes freely in a trusting atmosphere with a minimum of constraints.

Faith School does not have control of the information on the internet. Some sites accessible via the internet may contain material that is inappropriate for educational use in a K-12 setting. Faith School District and the system administrators do not condone the use of such materials and do not permit usage of such materials in the school environment. However, on a global network, it is impossible to control all materials, and an industrious user may discover controversial information. We firmly believe that the educational value of information, and the interaction available on this worldwide network outweighs the risks that users may procure materials that are not consistent with the educational goals of the school district. One of our goals is to support students in responsible use of this vast reservoir of information.

Faith School specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its Internet accounts.

Student Usage Guidelines

Any action by a student that is determined by their classroom teacher or a system administrator to constitute an inappropriate use of the internet is a violation of the AUP.

Internet activities that are not permitted include but are not limited to:

- Using the Internet without a signed AUP
- Accessing or printing offensive, profane, pornographic, obscene, or sexually explicit materials.
- **Sending, uploading, downloading, or distributing threatening, pornographic, obscene, or sexually explicit materials.** If a student inadvertently accesses a web site that contains obscene, pornographic or otherwise offensive material, notify a teacher, Network Administrator, or principal immediately so that such sites can be blocked from further access. This is not merely a request; it is a responsibility.
- Downloading entertainment files using the schools network.
 - a. Downloaded entertainment files must be stored on external storage devices, and not on the schools resources (laptops and personal network folder).
- Violating copyright or other protected material laws. Plagiarism is a violation of the FHS Discipline Matrix. Give credit to all sources used, whether quoted or summarized. This includes all forms of media on the Internet, such as graphics, movies, music, and text.

- Subscribing to mailing lists, mass e-mail messages, games, or other services that generate several messages that can slow the system and waste other users' time and access.
- **Promoting or soliciting for illegal activities.**
- Releasing files, home address, personal phone numbers, passwords, or other vital accessing information to others.
- Intentionally wasting school resources.
- Using the network or Internet for commercial, political campaign, or financial gain purposes.
- Any activity that violates a school rule or a local, state, or federal law.
- Using email, other than State issued E-Mail or Web CT.

**** *Violations in bold constitute a major infraction.***

If a student has any questions about whether a specific activity is permitted, he or she should ask a teacher or administrator. If a student accidentally accesses inappropriate material he or she should back out of that information at once and tell an instructor or the Network Administrator.

Consequences of Violations

The consequences will be consistent with the FHS Discipline Matrix and the Laptop Handbook. The student may be referred to law enforcement authorities.

Alternative consequences may be administered based on unusual circumstances upon administrative review.

Staff Usage Guidelines

Internet activities that are not permitted include but are not limited to:

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- Downloading entertainment files using the schools network.
 - a. Downloaded entertainment files must be stored on external storage devices, and not on the schools resources (laptops and personal network folder).
- Violating copyright or other protected material laws.
- Subscribing to mailing lists, mass e-mail messages, games, or other services that generate several messages that can slow the system and waste other users' time and access.

- Promoting or soliciting for illegal activities.
- Releasing files, home address, personal phone numbers, passwords, or other vital accessing information to others.
- Intentionally wasting school resources.
- Using the network or Internet for commercial, political campaign, or financial gain purposes.
- Any activity that violates a school rule or a local, state, or federal law.
- Using email, other than State issued E-Mail or Web CT.

Any action by a staff member that is determined by their administrator to constitute an inappropriate use of the Internet is a violation of the AUP.

Consequences of Violations

Faith School District policy and procedure and SD State law will be observed when addressing violations of the Staff Usage Guidelines.