

St. Francis Area Schools is pleased to provide access to a wide variety of technology resources for our students and staff. Resources include high-speed voice, video and data networks; campus-wide access to Internet resources; wireless access in some locations; computers, networked printers and other peripheral devices widely available in all district locations. We recognize that these technologies offer new opportunities to acquire, transfer and utilize information to positively affect the instructional programs we offer and the opportunities our students have for learning. St. Francis Area Schools supports access by staff and students to these information resources, along with the development of skills to analyze and evaluate these resources.

Our goal in providing these resources is to promote educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation and communication. Our staff will blend thoughtful use of these resources with the curriculum and provide guidance and instruction to students in the appropriate uses of these technologies.

Responsibility

Students are responsible for their behavior while using these resources just as they are in the classroom and other school facilities. All school rules apply for behavior and communication as per district policy and student/parent handbooks. St. Francis Area Schools is neither responsible nor liable for student actions while using these resources. The privilege to use these resources will be provided to those students who act in an ethical, responsible and considerate manner. Willful or intentional misuse will lead to further disciplinary actions and/or criminal penalties under appropriate local, state and federal laws. St. Francis Area Schools further reserves the right to monitor the use of these technologies so as to maintain the integrity of these resources.

Users should never share their password, allow others to use their accounts or make use of another person's account. Students shall not give out personal information such as name, address, telephone number, family location or name and location of the school without permission of a teacher or guardian.

Student Terms and Conditions

Students are responsible for their own actions and behavior at school. St. Francis Area Schools is not liable for student's actions when connecting to the Internet through the school's computers. Students assume full liability, legal, financial, or otherwise for their actions. Students will be **directly supervised by a classroom teacher(s) or a designated adult when using the Internet**. Students will NOT have an e-mail account. Using the Internet is a privilege, not a right. Access to the Internet may be removed if abused. Information obtained from the Internet should be examined for reliability, authority and relevance. Seeing it on the Internet does not necessarily make it true.

St. Francis Area Schools is in compliance with the Federal Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) which restricts possible access to inappropriate material. All school computers with Internet access and availability are filtered with a software filtering program designed to restrict material that is obscene, pornographic or harmful to minors. Complete details concerning Internet filtering can be reviewed by reading St. Francis Area Schools District Policy 306.1, Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy, available online at www.isd15.org or at any school office.

General Guidelines for Students

- You are expected to use the Internet as an educational resource. Games and other activities, unless assigned by a teacher, are prohibited.
- You are responsible for your exploration on the Internet. Abuse of the Internet may lead to removal of access privileges and/or a failing grade for the project on which you were working.
- You are required to sign the attached contract indicating your acceptance of the guidelines established by St. Francis Area Schools.
- Your parents/guardians must give their permission for you to use the Internet for educational purposes. Parents/guardians can deny permission.

Student Expectations

- You will assume that all the information on the Internet is private property.
- You may use only legal material and software.
- You will not vandalize the network or Internet resources.
- You may find material that is inappropriate; it is your responsibility to leave that site.
- You will not attempt to buy anything using the school network.

Student Online Safety Rules

- You will not give out personal information such as telephone number, address, and information about your parents.
- You will not give out the name and location of the school.
- You will tell your teacher right away if you come across inappropriate information.
- You will tell your teacher immediately if someone online attempts to meet with you.

If you have questions or need additional information on the Technology/Internet Use Student Agreement, please contact your student's school office.

I have read the St. Francis Area Schools Technology/Internet Use Student Agreement. I agree to abide by the rules and conditions stated.

I also agree to the following guidelines:

1. I will be required to receive training on the Internet and etiquette before using the Internet.
2. I must receive permission to use the Internet.
3. I understand the consequences for misuse and abuse of the Internet may include loss of Internet privileges and a referral to the building principal and/or legal authorities.

Student Name _____

Student Signature _____

Teacher/Grade/School _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian

I give permission to use the Internet. As a parent/guardian of this student, I have read the St. Francis Area Schools Technology/Internet Use Student Agreement. I understand that this access is for educational purposes. I also recognize that it is not always possible to screen and restrict inappropriate material. I will not hold St. Francis Area Schools responsible for inappropriate material obtained on the Internet.

I deny permission

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____