

FAYETTEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICIES

5.29 – 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 are expected 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 and 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 use 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 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. The district further reserves the right to monitor all traffic passing across their network in order to maintain a secure network.
- Students are advised that they should have no expectation of privacy in any aspect of their computer use and that monitoring of student computer and network use is continuous.

Personal Safety for Students

- It is the policy of the district to have content filtering in place to restrict 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 in compliance with the federal Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA) and Arkansas Code Annotated 6-21-107.
- Students must not reveal personally identifiable information such as last name, home address, or telephone number, or any information that might allow an unintended 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. “Directory information”, as defined by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) may be permitted to be released without prior consent.

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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.

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.
- ✓ Internet filters are in place. However, if a student finds an inappropriate site or image, he or she must immediately exit the site.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ Use of school resources are to be tied to instruction or research and consistent with the goals of the school district.
- ✓ 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.

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Cross Reference: 5.30 – POSSESSION OF CELL PHONES AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES
5.31 – SEARCH, SEIZURE AND INTERROGATIONS

Legal References: Children’s Internet Protection Act; PL 106-554
FCC Final Rules 11-125 August 11, 2011
20 USC 6777
47 USC 254(h)(1)
47 CFR 54.520
47 CFR 520(c)(4)
A.C.A. § 6-21-107
A.C.A. § 6-21-111

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