

# **Frontier Local School District**

## **Acceptable Use Policy**

Frontier Local School District recognizes the value of computer and other electronic resources to improve student learning and enhance the administration and operation of its schools. To this end, Frontier Local School District Board of Education encourages the responsible use of computers; computer networks, including the Internet; and other electronic resources in support of the mission and goals of Frontier Local School District and its schools.

Because the Internet is an unregulated, worldwide vehicle for communication, information available to staff and students is impossible to control. Therefore, the Board of Education adopts this policy governing the voluntary use of electronic resources and the Internet in order to provide guidance to individuals and groups obtaining access to these resources on district owned equipment or through district affiliated organizations.

### ***Frontier Local School District Rights and Responsibilities***

It is the policy of Frontier Local School District to maintain an environment that promotes ethical and responsible conduct in all online network activities by staff and students. It shall be a violation of this policy for any employee, student, or other individual to engage in any activity that does not conform to the established purpose and general rules and policies of the network. Within this general policy, Frontier Local School District recognizes its legal and ethical obligation to protect the well-being of students in its charge. To this end, the school district retains the following rights and recognizes the following obligations:

1. To log network use and to monitor network folder utilization by users, and assume no responsibility or liability for files deleted due to usage violations.
2. To remove a user account on the network when deemed appropriate.
3. To monitor the use of online activities. This may include real-time monitoring of network activity and/or maintaining a log of Internet activity for later review.
4. To provide internal and external controls as appropriate and feasible. Such controls shall include the right to determine who will have access to district owned equipment and, specifically, to exclude those who do not abide by the district's acceptable use policy or other policies governing the use of school facilities, equipment, and materials. Frontier Local School District reserves the right to restrict online destinations through software or other means.
5. To provide guidelines and make reasonable efforts to train staff and students in acceptable use and policies governing online communications.

### ***User Responsibilities***

Use of the electronic media provided by Frontier Local School District is a privilege that offers a wealth of information and resources for research. Where it is available, this resource is offered to staff, students, and other patrons at no cost. In order to maintain the privilege, users agree to learn and comply with all of the provisions of this policy.

### ***Acceptable Use***

1. All use of the Internet must be in support of educational and research objectives consistent with the mission and objectives of Frontier Local School District.
2. Proper codes of conduct in electronic communication must be used. In any online situation, giving out personal information is inappropriate. When using e-mail, extreme caution must always be taken in revealing any information of a personal nature.
3. Network accounts are to be used only by the authorized owner of the account for the authorized purpose.
4. All communications and information accessible via the network should be assumed to be private property.
5. Subscriptions to mailing lists and bulletin boards must be reported to the system administrator. Prior approval for such subscriptions is required for students and staff.
6. Exhibit exemplary behavior on the network as a representative of your school and community. Be polite.
7. From time to time, Frontier Local School District will make determinations on whether specific uses of the network are consistent with the acceptable use practice.

### ***Unacceptable Use***

1. Giving out personal information about another person, including home address and phone number, is strictly prohibited.
2. Any use of the network for commercial or for-profit purposes is prohibited.
3. Excessive use of the network for personal business shall be cause for disciplinary action.
4. Any use of the network for product advertisement or political lobbying is prohibited.
5. Users shall not intentionally seek information on, obtain copies of, or modify files, other data, or passwords belonging to other users, or misrepresent other users on the network.
6. Passwords are to be kept private. Do not share them with anyone.
7. No use of the network shall serve to disrupt the use of the network by others. Hardware and/or software shall not be destroyed, modified, or abused in any way.
8. Malicious use of the network to develop programs that harass other users or infiltrate a computer or computing system and/or damage the software components of a computer or computing system is prohibited.
9. Hate mail, chain letters, harassment, discriminatory remarks, and other antisocial behaviors are prohibited on the network.
10. The unauthorized installation of any software, including shareware and freeware, for use on district computers is prohibited.
11. Playing computer based games is prohibited unless specifically authorized by a teacher for instructional purposes.
12. Use of the network to access or process pornographic material, inappropriate text files (as determined by the system administrator or building administrator), or files dangerous to the integrity of the local area network is prohibited.
13. The computer network may not be used for downloading software or other files that are not directly related to education or a school extracurricular activity without the prior approval of the system administrator. This includes freeware, shareware, and copyrighted commercial and noncommercial software.
14. The use of profanity, obscenity, racist remarks, or any other language that may be offensive to another user is prohibited.

15. Establishing network or internet connections to live communications, including voice and/or video (relay chat) is prohibited without the prior approval of the system administrator.

### ***Disclaimer***

1. Frontier Local School District cannot be held accountable for the information that is retrieved via the network.
2. Pursuant to the Electronic Communications Privacy Act of 1986 (18 USC 2510 et seq.), notice is hereby given that there are no facilities provided by this system for sending or receiving private or confidential electronic communications. System administrators have access to all mail and will monitor messages. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities will be reported to the appropriate authorities.
3. On August 11, 2011, the FCC released its rules amending Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) to include E-Rate provisions of the Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act of 2008. The FCC Order (FCC 11-125) implements the 'educating' requirements of the Protecting Children Act effective FY 2012, meaning any school or school district applying for E-Rate funding (beyond simple telecommunication services) must provide Acceptable Use Policies that include monitoring the online activities of minors and must provide for educating minors about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms and cyberbullying awareness and response. To be compliant with this order, Frontier Local School District will provide the above mentioned online safety education that will include acceptable online behavior, cyber bullying, and social networking.
4. Frontier Local School District will not be responsible for any damages you may suffer, including loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, or service interruptions caused by our own negligence or your errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained is at your own risk.
5. Frontier Local School District makes no warranties (expressed or implied) with respect to:
  - o The content of any advice or information received by a user, or any costs or charges incurred as a result of seeing or accepting any information; and
  - o Any costs, liability, or damages caused by the way the user chooses to use his or her access to the network.
6. Frontier Local School District reserves the right to change its policies and rules at any time.

***User Agreement (to be signed by all adult users and student users in grades 4 and above)***

I have read, understand, and will abide by the above Acceptable Use Policy when using computer and other electronic resources owned, leased, or operated by Frontier Local School District. I further understand that any violation of the regulations above is unethical and may constitute a criminal offense. Should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked, school disciplinary action may be taken, and/or appropriate legal action may be initiated.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Grade Level

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

***Parent Agreement (to be signed by parents of all student users under the age of eighteen)***

As the parent or guardian of [please print name of student] \_\_\_\_\_, I have read the Acceptable Use Policy. I understand that this access is designed for educational purposes. Frontier Local School District has taken reasonable steps to control access to the Internet, but cannot guarantee that all controversial information will be inaccessible to student users. I agree that I will not hold Frontier Local School District responsible for materials acquired on the network. Further, I accept full responsibility for supervision if and when my child's use is not in a school setting. I hereby give permission for my child to use network resources, including the Internet, which is available through Frontier Local School District.

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Parent Name (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

