

## **2005 ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY – INTERNET**

The Internet is a worldwide network of computers all linked together. In the past several years millions of new users have gotten “on line” to do everything from conduct research to communicate with others with similar interests.

The Internet is wide open, there is no company controlling the system. This being the case, anyone, with any interest, can put something on the Internet for others to read and see. It must be understood that a very small minority of information on the Internet is not appropriate for students to be looking at.

It is the intent of the Fortine School to advance and promote education by assisting in the collaboration and exchange of information. Successful operation of Internet and other related technological service requires that all users regard the system as a shared resource. Users must cooperate to form a community of diverse interests with common purpose of advancing education. It is, therefore, imperative that all users conduct themselves in a responsible, ethical, and polite manner.

The purposes of our Internet Information Services are:

1. To facilitate the gathering of information from other sites and the Internet.
2. To facilitate the collaborations with other schools and organizations.
3. To facilitate the sharing of information within the community.

Code of Conduct: Each student is held responsible for his/her actions. Unacceptable uses of the network will result in the suspension or revoking of these privileges. Some examples of such unacceptable use are:

1. Using the network for any illegal activity, including violation of copyright or other contracts.
2. Using the network for financial or commercial gain.
3. Degrading or disrupting equipment or system performance.
4. Vandalizing the data of another user.
5. Wastefully using finite resources.
6. Gaining unauthorized access to resources or entities.
7. Invading the privacy of individuals.
8. Using the account owned by another user.
9. Posting personal communications without the author's consent.
10. Posting anonymous messages.
11. Hate mail, harassment, discriminatory remarks, and other antisocial behaviors are prohibited.
12. Use of network to access obscene or pornographic material is prohibited.
13. Use of the network to transmit material likely to be offensive or objectionable to recipients is prohibited.
14. Subscriptions to Listservs must be pre-approved by the Internet coordinator.
15. Diligent effort must be made to delete mail daily.

The school considers accounts the property of the school district. Since accounts have real value, attempts to sidestep the account system, to use the accounts of others without authorization, or to use accounts for other than their intended purposes, are all forms of attempted theft. A user who has been authorized to use an account may not disclose its password or otherwise make the account available to others who have not been authorized to use the account. Public users will be limited to 30-minute blocks of time and be required to sign up for time slots.

Consequences of Inappropriate Use of the Internet

The School shall develop rules/consequences and have readily available for review and posted where appropriate.

Any infraction of this policy will result in notification of parent/guardian.

NOTE: A student may put him/herself in the position of “obscene or illegal offense” on his/her first infraction. On the other hand, a third “minor” infraction will have the same consequences as an “obscene or illegal” infraction. The teacher will consult with the Supervising to determine if an offense is minor, major, or obscene.

Any infraction of this policy by the general public will result in loss of use privileges.

Acknowledgment and Agreement of Internet Use Policy

The Internet is a very valuable resource for students to have access to. It is an important skill to learn in an ever-increasing technological world. By signing below the student and his/her parent or guardian acknowledges that they have read and understand the rules and consequences of this policy.

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Student's Signature                      Date

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Parent's/Guardian's Signature      Date