

INTERNET – TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF USE

1. Acceptable Use

The purpose of the backbone networks making up the Internet is to support research and education in and among academic institutions by providing access to unique resources and the opportunity for collaborative work. Internet access must be in support of education and research and consistent with the educational objectives of the Franklin Public Schools. Use of another organization's network or computing resources must comply with the rules appropriate for that network. Transmission of any material in violation of any national or state regulation is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to copyright material, threatening or obscene material or material protected by trade secret.

2. Privileges

The use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges. The administrators, teachers and staff of the Franklin Public Schools will deem what is inappropriate use and their decision is final. The administration, faculty, and staff of the Franklin Public Schools may deny, revoke, or suspend Internet access due to a student's inappropriate use.

3. Network Etiquette

Users are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These include (but are not limited to) the following:

- A. Be polite, do not get abusive in messages to others.
- B. Use appropriate language. Do not swear, use vulgarities or any other inappropriate language. Illegal activities are strictly forbidden.
- C. Do not reveal personal addresses, or phone numbers of students or colleagues.
- D. Note that electronic mail ("e" mail) is not guaranteed to be private. People who operate the system do have access to all mail. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities may be reported to the authorities.
- E. Do not use the network in such a way that would disrupt its use by other users.
- F. All communications and information accessible via the network should be assumed to be private property.
- G. No student may use the network or the Internet for personal gain.

4. Disclaimer

The Franklin Public Schools make no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. The Franklin Public Schools will not be responsible for any damages users suffer, including loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, miss-deliveries, or service interruptions caused by its own negligence, error or omissions. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at the user's risk. The Franklin Public Schools specifically deny any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its services.

5. Security

Security on any computer system is a high priority, especially when the system involves many users. If the user can identify a security problem on the network or the Internet, the user must notify a staff member, teacher, Principal, or the Franklin Public Schools Technology Director. Students are not to demonstrate the problem to other users, use another individual's network account, or download executable files or applications. Attempts to log on to the Internet or to the network as a system administrator will result in cancellation of user privileges. Any user identified as a security risk or having a history of problems with other computer systems may be denied access to the Internet.

6. Vandalism

Vandalism will result in cancellation of privileges. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy data of another user, Internet resource, or any of the above listed agencies or other groups.

