TECHNOLOGY CODE OF CONDUCT
(Rules of acceptable use of technology resources)

Use of Fairview Area Schools technology* shall be in support of education and research that is consistent with the District's educational goals, behavior expectations, and mission.

Because electronic communications are so varied and diverse, this code of conduct does not attempt to enumerate all required or proscribed behavior by system users. Use of the District's technology is a privilege, not a right. Users are expected to use common sense and adhere to the norms of behavior in the school community. Technology use is limited to those who have completed the appropriate agreement and have received approval. The District will remove a user account and remove all access to technology if it is determined that the user is engaged in unauthorized activity or is violating this code of conduct.

1. Use Technology in such a way that it does not disrupt others.

2. Be polite, courteous and ethical in all communications and language. Users may not send, publish, download, access, or retrieve any electronic communication or material that may be defamatory, vulgar, abusive, obscene, profane, sexually explicit, threatening, racially or ethically offensive, harassing, or illegal, or anything that violates or infringes on the rights of others.

3. Maintain the integrity of files and data. Accessing, attempting to access, copying, or deleting data files of other users without their consent is not permitted.

4. Be mindful of network security, and immediately report any bugs, errors, or security problems to the system administrator.

5. Users may not make any attempt to destroy the data of any other user or any technology system, including creating or sending computer viruses, Trojan horses, worms, or similar code.

6. Computer hardware, software, networking equipment, printers, and other technology should not be destroyed, modified, or abused in any way.

7. Treat information created by others as the private property of the creator. Respect copyrights by not illegally copying, sending, or distributing copyrighted software, work, or other material.

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*   "Technology" includes, but is not limited to, computers, network servers, network equipment, peripherals, and software, intranet and internet systems.

8. Protect your password from others and use only your password to gain access to technology systems. Users may not attempt to access local District or internet materials on sites that are blocked or password protected or attempt to use technology while access privileges are suspended. Hacking or attempting to break into the network is not permitted.

9. Users should always use technology systems, the network, and the internet as a resource to further their own education and that of others. Use technology to access only educationally relevant and curriculum specific material. Assist others in the use of technology systems and help others who are looking for ideas and information.

10. Unlicensed software or software that does not support curriculum is not permitted.

11. District technology may not be used for any commercial purposes or financial gain.

12. Users may not use District technology for anything contrary to law or to solicit others to break any law.

13. Using District technology systems for any advertisement or solicitation without approval from the Superintendent is prohibited.

14. Users may not use electronic mail to send unsolicited, bulk, chain, harassing, anonymous, or other messages or electronic communications that are commonly considered an annoyance to recipients or degrade system performance.

15. Use our limited network bandwidth responsibly and in such a way that system performance, both on our internal network and the internet, is not compromised. Use of non-curriculum related resources such as streaming video and audio and internet games are strictly prohibited.