

St. Francis Xavier H.S. Internet Policy Statement

Access to the internet is available to students, teachers, and staff at St. Francis Xavier High School. Our goal is to promote academic excellence at St. Francis by encouraging students, teachers, and staff to make innovative and resourceful use of the internet. The operation of the internet depends on its users adhering to a set of strict standards, and guidelines. This means that students must not only abide by technical standards, but also ethical and courteous conduct.

INTERNET TERMS AND CONDITIONS

If a user at St. Francis Xavier High School violates any of these provisions, his or her future access will be denied. The signatures at the end of this document are legally binding and indicate the parties who signed have read the terms and conditions carefully and understand their significance. If a parent or guardian is uncomfortable with the option of his or her child(ren) accessing the Internet, the student(s) may be assigned a different activity when classmates are using the Internet.

1. ACCEPTABLE USE

Each person using the Internet is expected to use it in support of educational and research activities consistent with the moral and educational objectives of St. Francis Xavier High School.

2. PRIVILEGES

The use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right. Each person using the internet will be instructed in the proper use of the network. Inappropriate use will result in termination of privileges. The School will determine what constitutes inappropriate use

3. PROHIBITED USAGE

The following are expressly prohibited:

- a. Accessing Internet resources for nonacademic purposes.
- b. Transmission of any material in violation of any local, state, or national law regulation.
- c. Engaging in any illegal activity.
- d. Posting, transmitting, or distributing
 - copyrighted materials without permission,
 - obscene, profane, abusive or threatening materials,
 - racist or sexually explicit materials.
- e. Illegal installation of unlicensed, copyrighted software on St. Francis Xavier High School computers.
- f. No software will be installed on St. Francis Xavier High School computers without the expressed permission of the Principal.
- g. Use of any but the Microsoft Internet Explorer as the School's Internet Browser.
- h. Electronic mail (e-mail). **E-mail will not be used, either in or out.**

4. NETWORK ETIQUETTE

You are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These include the following:

- a. Be polite. Do not be discourteous, abusive, harassing.
- b. Do not swear; use vulgarities or any other inappropriate language.
- c. Do not reveal your personal address or phone numbers or those of others.
- d. All communications and information accessible via the Internet should be treated as private property and not revealed to others unless specifically identified otherwise; however, **messages relating to or in support of illegal activities will be reported to teacher or a staff member.**

5. LIABILITIES

St. Francis Xavier high School makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. The School will not be responsible for any damages you or your children suffer through the use of the Internet. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, or service interruptions caused by its own negligence or your errors or omissions. Use of the information obtained from the Internet is at your own risk. St. Francis Xavier High School denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through Internet services.

6. EXCEPTION TERMS AND CONDITIONS

All terms and conditions as stated in this document are applicable to users of St. Francis Xavier High School Internet services. These terms and conditions reflect the entire agreement and understanding of the parties. These terms and conditions will be governed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of South Carolina, and the United States of America. The signed originals of these terms will be kept on file in the St. Francis Xavier High School office. A copy will be sent home and a copy will be held in the student's files.

Student/Guardian Signatures

We understand and will abide by the above Terms and Conditions for the Internet. We have also read the Internet policy statement in the SFXHS student handbook. We understand that any violation of the regulations above is unethical and may constitute a criminal offense. Should the student commit any violation, their access privileges will be revoked. School disciplinary action and/or appropriate legal action may be taken. We have /will sign the internet acknowledgement form.

Student(User) Printed Name: _____

Date _____

Student (User) Signature: _____

_____ **Yes, my child has permission to access the Internet**

_____ **No, my child does not have permission to access the Internet.**

_____ **My child's work (written or drawn) may be electronically displayed and published by St. Francis Xavier High School on their website.**

_____ **My child's photo may be used on the St. Francis Xavier High School website with a grade or classroom identification**

Parent/Guardian (Printed) Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date _____

Student

Signature _____

Date _____