

St. Francis Borgia Regional High School (SFBRHS) Technology Use Agreement

For the purposes of this document technology is defined as any device that is network accessible when using a wired or wireless connection.

SFBRHS' goal in providing Internet service to students, teachers and staff is to promote educational excellence in our school by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication. SFBRHS' access to the Internet through Charter Communications, Washington, MO (and backup support through AT&T, St. Louis, MO) provides a unique opportunity for students and teachers to interact with the world at large. However, with access to computers and people all over the world also comes the availability of material that may not be considered to be of educational value in the context of the school setting. On a global network, it is impossible to control all materials, and an industrious user may not only discover controversial information but also misleading information. We firmly believe that the valuable information and interactions available on this world-wide network far outweigh the possibility that users may procure material that is not consistent with the educational goals of the school.

Internet access is coordinated through a complex association of government agencies and regional and state networks. In addition, the smooth operation of Borgia's network relies upon the proper conduct of the users who must adhere to strict guidelines. These guidelines are provided here so that individuals are aware of their responsibilities. In general, this requires efficient, ethical, and legal utilization of the network resources. If a user violates any of these provisions, he/she will be subject to disciplinary action, which may include denial of future access to the network.

TECHNOLOGY TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1) **Acceptable Use**-- Use of the school's network which has a limited amount of bandwidth for Internet access must be in support of education and research and consistent with the educational objectives of SFBRHS. Social networking sites are not permissible. High bandwidth activities such as downloading music or videos are strictly forbidden. Games are not permitted without explicit permission of an instructor or an administrator during school hours.

Use of another organization's networked or computing resources must comply with the rules appropriate for that network. Transmission of any material in violation of any U.S. or state regulation is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material, or material prohibited by trade secret. Use for commercial activities is not acceptable. Use for product advertisement or political lobbying is also prohibited.

2) **Privileges**--The use of technology at SFBRHS is a privilege, not a right. Inappropriate use will result in disciplinary action. The Administration of SFBRHS will deem what is inappropriate use and their decision is final. Also, they may deny or suspend specific users and/or close the user's account at any time.

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 your messages to others.
- b. Use appropriate language. Do not swear, use vulgarities or any other inappropriate language.
- c. Do not reveal your personal address and phone number nor those of others.
- d. Note that electronic mail (email) is the property of SFBRHS and is not guaranteed to be private. Support personnel have access to all electronic 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 you would disrupt the use of the network by other users.
- f. Note that all communications and information accessible via the network should be assumed to be the private property of SFBRHS.

4) **Warranties**--SFBRHS makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. SFBRHS will not be responsible for any damages you suffer. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, mis-deliveries, or service interruptions caused by its own negligence or user errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at your own risk. SFBRHS specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of the information obtained through its service. Rules and regulations of usage will be promulgated from time to time by the Administration of SFBRHS. Users of SFBRHS' network are subject to these rules. Internet access is intended for the exclusive use of SFBRHS faculty, students, staff and guest users who are responsible for their actions while utilizing it.

5) **Security**--Security on any computer system is high priority, especially when the system involves many users. If you feel you can identify a security problem on SFBRHS' network, you must notify an administrator or a faculty member. Do not demonstrate the problem to other users. Users are only permitted to access SFBRHS' network using their logon information; any attempt to use another user's logon information will be subject to disciplinary action.

6) **Vandalism**--Vandalism will result in disciplinary action. In addition to damage of computer equipment, vandalism includes any malicious attempt to harm or destroy data of another user, or to disrupt Internet, or other networks within the school. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creating of computer viruses.

7) **Length of Agreement** --Once this agreement has been signed it is in effect as long as the student is enrolled at SFBRHS.

8) **Updates**--This technology use agreement is reviewed and updated periodically. You will be notified of any changes to this policy thirty (30) days before they become effective.

STUDENT ACCEPTANCE

I understand and will abide by this Technology Use Agreement. 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 and/or appropriate legal action may be taken.

Signature of student

Date

PARENT or GUARDIAN ACCEPTANCE

As the parent or guardian of a student, I have read this Technology Use Agreement. I understand that access is designed for educational purposes. I recognize it is impossible to restrict access to all controversial materials, and I will not hold SFBRHS 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 my permission to allow my child to use technology at SFBRHS.

Signature of parent or guardian

Date