

# JAMES FALLON HIGH SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY USER AGREEMENT

Use of technology and the Internet at school is for educational research and learning. This agreement sets out the rules for student use of technology and the Internet at JFHS.

*Students must take **personal responsibility** for ensuring that what they access on the Internet and how they use the computer network and other technology resources, follows the guidelines outlined in this document.*

*Personal responsibility means that an individual may lose their right to use the computing resources AND/OR the Internet for an extended period of time due to inappropriate use.*

Students and parents need to carefully read this agreement, and then sign the technology agreement. Any questions or concerns should be directed to the Principal.

Parents and teachers at James Fallon High School support the good sense and honesty of our students using technology and the Internet. Students who sensibly use the technology provided in the school will benefit in their learning.

## **STUDENT AGREEMENT**

I understand that access to technology and the Internet at James Fallon High School must be for educational learning or research, and I agree to the following conditions of use:

1. I will not access any newsgroups, links, email, web pages or other areas that would be considered offensive by the Principal, or the Principal's representative.  
Offensive content includes racist, violent, illegal, pornographic or distasteful material.
2. I will not damage computers, computer systems, or other technology equipment or furniture. If I discover ways of causing damage I will report them to my supervising teacher and I will not show them to others.
3. The network computers are set up for the convenience of a large number of users. I will not adjust the configuration of the computer in any way. If I experience any difficulties or malfunctions, I will report these to my supervising teacher/librarian immediately.
4. I will not use valuable computer, Internet or technology access time for non-educational or unauthorised games or use.
5. I will be responsible and courteous in using appropriate language on the computer. I will not use abusive, obscene or offensive language in my work, and will report any inappropriate language used against me to my supervising teacher.
6. I accept responsibility to keep legally copyright material from entering the school. I will not download software, games, music, graphics, videos or other text that is copyright. I will not break copyright laws by posting or distributing copyright items.
7. I will not download or copy other people's work and call it my own work. This is called plagiarism. It is customary to acknowledge the source of any material quoted directly and it is a breach of copyright to reproduce another person's document without their prior knowledge or permission.
8. I will not reveal personal information including addresses, telephone or credit card numbers, or other personal details about myself or other people. I will follow the guidelines provided by my teacher in communicating with others on the Internet.
9. I will abide by the log-on and log-off rules for access to the computer network, and follow the rules for use of the technology and the Internet provided by my teacher.
10. I will not divulge my Login password to any other student.
11. I will not keep unnecessary files or programs in my personal network folder. The student folders are searched from time to time and files/programs deemed unnecessary are deleted.

**What will happen if I abuse my computing network privileges:**

If I break any part of this agreement, the following disciplinary measures will apply:

- My network user account will be disabled and I will not be permitted to use the Internet or parts of the technology resources of the school for a time determined by the Principal, or the Principal’s representative.
- If I am responsible for deliberate or careless damage to technology equipment, I may be required to contribute towards the cost of repairing or replacing the damaged equipment.
- A referral to the school welfare committee will be completed – the committee will determine what further disciplinary action is required.

I understand that each case will be investigated and reported independently.

Privileges will only be restored when I can assure my teachers that future use will be in line with this agreed policy after my privileges are reinstated.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Year/Class \_\_\_\_\_ Roll Group \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT/CAREGIVER AGREEMENT**

As the parent/caregiver of \_\_\_\_\_ (student name) I hereby acknowledge that I have read the agreement on Student Use of Technology and have discussed it with my son/daughter/ward. I understand that this access is for educational purposes. I recognise that while every effort will be made to monitor student use of technology and the Internet, it is not possible for the school to continually monitor and restrict access to all controversial materials.

I also acknowledge that while inappropriate material exists on the Internet, the user must actively seek it or allow it to be accessed, and so the user is responsible for permitting unacceptable material to be used in the school. I understand that the Principal and staff of James Fallon High School cannot be held responsible for students who acquire inappropriate materials from the Internet or other users.

Parent/Caregiver Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Caregiver Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_