

Forrest City School District COMPUTER USE POLICY - Policy 4.29 -

Technology users' responsibilities go beyond general care of computers and the computer room. The Forrest City School District's policy addresses the acceptable use of technology hardware, software, networks, and the Internet.

District Responsibility Regarding the Computing Network

A. The Forrest City Public School District is responsible for:

1. Management of the network--the wires and devices (e.g., servers, routers, switches) that comprise the Network.
2. Setting standards for the hardware and software that can be used in the network.
3. Maintaining and repairing equipment purchased by the district for use in the network.
4. Providing training to users in the use of all district-supported hardware and software
5. Assigning and revoking privileges regarding use of the network
6. Defining the rights and responsibilities of users and enforcing acceptable use standards

B. The Forrest City School District will provide users with hardware, software, and electronic resources that support the mission of the school district. However, computing resources all come at a cost. The district will provide services at a level that the School Board determines meets the mission of the district to the best of its ability within the constraints of financial resources.

Unless otherwise specified, the following regulations will apply equally to students, employees, volunteers, and contractors employed by the Forrest City School District. Employees, volunteers, and contractors may have additional obligations owing to the nature of their positions and/or access privileges.

All individuals with access to Forrest City School District technology and computer networks will:

1. Respect the rights and property of others and will properly access files, data, or information of others.
  2. Observe Forrest City School District standards of conduct as stated in the handbook.
  3. Utilize the computers, network, Internet, and other technologies only for purposes in support of the district's stated education goals or for legitimate school district business.
  4. Be responsible for taking precautions to prevent loss or damage to equipment and data.
  5. Install and use software on the district's computers only in accordance with Software Policy and Procedures.
- Interpretation, application, and modification of this use policy are within the sole discretion of the Forrest City School District. Any questions or issues regarding this policy should be directed to the building or district administration, or the network administrator(s).

Forrest City School District Computer and Network Use Agreement

School district computer users are expected to act in a responsible, ethical, and legal manner, in accordance with the missions and purposes of the networks they use, and the laws of the state and the United States.

The computers and network are provided for furthering the District's stated educational goals only, and they are to be used by authorized individuals only. Individuals using these systems are subject to having all activities on these systems monitored by system or security personnel. Anyone using these systems expressly consents to such monitoring.

It is possible for all users of the Internet, including your child, to access information that is intended for adults. Although the District has taken reasonable steps to ensure that the Internet connection is used only for purposes consistent with the curriculum and that inappropriate sites (as defined by the Children's Internet Protection Act) are filtered, the district or school cannot entirely prevent the availability of inappropriate material elsewhere on the Internet.

It is possible that a determined user may make use of computer resources for inappropriate purposes. Deliberate misuse of the computer network or the Internet may result in disciplinary action as outlined in the Computer and Network Use Policy.

I have read the Computer and Network Use Policy, understand it, and agree to adhere to the principles and procedures detailed within. We understand and accept the conditions stated above and release from any liability the Forrest City School, its subcontractors, and employees.

I understand that my child is expected to use good judgment and follow the guidelines of the Computer and Network Use Policy. Furthermore, I have discussed the information contained in the Computer and Network Use Policy with my child. Should my child breach the policy guidelines, I understand that my child may lose privileges on the Forrest City School District computer network and/or be subject to other disciplinary action.

Parent Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Student Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_