



Franklinton Preparatory Academy Technology Acceptable Use Policy

This policy applies to all technology resources in use by FPA students. It includes but is not limited to computers, FPA's Wireless Internet Network, access, phones, video equipment, copy machines, e-mail addresses and information storage devices. The use of these resources is a privilege and must be treated as such by everyone in our community. FPA provides students with access to its technology resources for academic purposes only. FPA reserves the right to access and monitor all aspects of its technology systems, networks and devices, and students should not expect any information stored on FPA equipment or systems to be private.

Failure to follow the rules listed below is a violation of the FPA's Technology Acceptable Use Policy

- 1. Students are to use on-campus internet access for academic purposes. Examples of internet sites that may not be visited outside of academic use at FPA include but are not limited to the following:**
 - o recreational use of sites such as Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, Pandora, etc.
 - o gaming or gambling sites
 - o pornographic or otherwise sexually explicit sites
 - o sites promoting "how to" documents encouraging violence or illegal acts or plagiarism
 - o sites that promote racism or hate speech
- 2. Students may not use technological tools with malicious intent, for example to bully or harass others.**
- 3. All students must respect the privacy of others. Any attempt to access private files, phone, or email messages is considered theft.**
- 4. Students may not in any way vandalize equipment or software that belongs to FPA or any other organization to which FPA has access. Examples of unacceptable behavior include but are not limited to the following:**
 - o damaging, hacking, or destroying networks, computer hardware or software
 - o physical abuse to equipment
 - o the creation or intentional use of malicious programs
- 5. Students should never share their FPA email password with anyone else. Stolen or lost passwords can create significant problems for the student and for the School.**
- 6. Students may not transmit, retrieve or store communications of an obscene, discriminatory, offensive or harassing nature or containing derogatory, disrespectful, or inflammatory language.**
- 7. Students may not use FPA technological systems for any purpose that is illegal and/or violates school rules.**

8. Students may not knowingly post information that could cause damage or the danger of disruption to FPA or any other organization or person.

9. Students may not misuse FPA or personal distribution lists or discussion groups for sending irrelevant, threatening or intentionally misleading messages.

10. Students may not use FPA technological systems or devices for private gain or any commercial purpose.

11. Students must adhere to the license agreements for installing/copying and using software that is purchased by the school.

12. Students may use personal technological devices during the school day, provided they are being used for an academic purpose with the express permission of a faculty member or during a period that is designated for its use. These items include but are not limited to portable audio and video players, laptops, e-Readers, tablet computers and cell phones.

13. Students are expected to check and read their FPA e-mail daily. Faculty and administrators use e-mail to communicate with students and for official notices.