

**HOMEWOOD-FLOSSMOOR DISTRICT 233**  
**Internet/Computer**  
**ACCEPTABLE USE AND INTERNET SAFETY POLICY**

Homewood-Flossmoor High School District 233 provides computer and Internet access for the purpose of promoting the use of telecommunication and networking technology as a tool to enhance classroom teaching and learning. All use of the network must be consistent with this purpose and be in accordance with this policy. In addition, the user may traverse another network and be subject to the guidelines of that network.

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that those using the information resources will do so with respect for the public trust and in accordance with Homewood Flossmoor High School's mission and educational goals and the policy and regulations established from time to time by state and/or federal agencies, and to comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA).

The Internet links computer networks around the world and provides access to a wide variety of computer and information resources. It is essential for each user on the network to recognize his/her responsibility in having access to vast services, sites, systems and people. Sites accessible via the Internet may contain material that is objectionable, adult-oriented or otherwise inappropriate. The user is responsible for his/her actions and may not access, download, or print from these sites. Access to the network is a privilege which requires that each user adhere to the responsibility of acceptable use. **Violation of this policy, abuse of the network and/or illegal conduct such as, but not limited to, any form of vandalism to equipment or information, including uploading or creation of computer viruses, will result in disciplinary action including possible expulsion from school, suspension or revocation of access privileges, and/or appropriate legal action.**

Transmission of material in violation of any state or federal regulation is prohibited. This prohibition extends to, but is not limited to: copyrighted material, threatening, obscene or any unlawful material, and material protected by trade secret. Use of the network for commercial activities, product advertisement, or political lobbying is prohibited. Use of the network for any illegal activities is prohibited.

**Internet Safety:**  
**Access to Inappropriate Material**

To the extent practical, technology protection measures (or "Internet filters") shall be used to block or filter Internet, or other forms of electronic communications, access to inappropriate information.

Specifically, as required by the Children's Internet Protection Act, blocking shall be applied to visual depictions of material deemed obscene or child pornography, or to any material deemed harmful to minors.

Subject to staff supervision, technology protection measures may be disabled or, in the case of minors, minimized only for bona fide research or other lawful purposes.

**Inappropriate Network Usage**

To the extent practical, steps shall be taken to promote the safety and security of users of the Homewood-Flossmoor High School online computer network(s) when using the school's network(s). Specifically, as required by the Children's Internet Protection Act, prevention of inappropriate network usage includes: (a) unauthorized access, including so-called 'hacking,' and other unlawful activities; and (b) unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors.

**Supervision and Monitoring**

It shall be the responsibility of all members of the Homewood-Flossmoor High School staff to supervise and monitor usage of the online computer network and access to the Internet in accordance with this policy and the Children's Internet protection Act.

Procedures for the disabling or otherwise modifying any technology protection measures shall be the responsibility of H-F's Computer Services Department or designated representatives.

**Guidelines for Acceptable Use:**

Computers and technology in the district are for academic purposes only.

Personal laptops may be used after receiving approval from the Computer Services Department.

Do not store music, games, videos or any other non-academic items in your network storage area.

Never share your password with any other person.

Do not use offensive or inappropriate language, or language that would promote violence or hatred, and do not respond to such.

Do not reveal your (or other's) personal information including address, phone number or credit card information.

Do not misrepresent yourself or your age.

Do not use the network in such a way as to disrupt use of the network by others or abuse access time.

Do not harass anyone by sending uninvited communication.

Do not send electronic information from accounts that do not belong to you without the owner's authorization.

Do not access unauthorized or inappropriate areas on the network and do not change or interfere with information found on the network.

Do not make unauthorized copies of software or information.

Do not access the network at Homewood-Flossmoor High School without a signed Internet Use Agreement.

Bypassing network filters and security by the use of proxy servers or any other means is prohibited.

Homewood-Flossmoor High School makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. Homewood-Flossmoor High School reserves the right to modify the Acceptable Use Policy at any time. It is the responsibility of the user to check for policy changes. An online version will be made available to all users on the Homewood-Flossmoor home page. Teachers and /or administrators will determine what is inappropriate use.

## Internet Use Agreement

The undersigned acknowledges that he/she has read the Acceptable Use Policy of this school district before signing this Internet Use Agreement. The signature(s) at the end of this document is (are) legally binding and indicate(s) the party (parties) who signed has (have) read the terms and conditions of said policy carefully, understand(s) their significance and agree(s) to abide by all provisions of said policy.

**User:** I understand and will abide by the Acceptable Use Policy of Homewood-Flossmoor Community High School District 233 relating to the use of the Internet and will abide by this Internet Use Agreement. Homewood-Flossmoor High School is not liable for lost, damaged or unavailable information due to technical or other difficulties; and is not responsible for what users do or the information they access. I acknowledge that the majority of such information is generated outside of Homewood-Flossmoor High School. I further understand that any violation of the Acceptable Use Policy and/or this Internet Use Agreement may jeopardize my access privileges and certain such violations may constitute criminal offenses. Should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be suspended or revoked, disciplinary action, including my being dropped from class and academic dishonesty penalties up to and including possible expulsion may result, and in some cases appropriate legal action may be taken against me during my tenure at Homewood Flossmoor High School.

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(User's Name -- Please Print)

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(User's Signature) (Date)

**Parent/Guardian:** \*If the applicant is under the age of 18, a parent/guardian signature is also required.

As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read the Internet Use Agreement for Homewood-Flossmoor High School. I understand that this access is designed for educational purposes. I will not hold the school responsible for materials acquired on the network. I hereby give permission for my child to use the Internet for educational purposes. I recognize that it is impossible for Homewood-Flossmoor High School to restrict and prevent access to controversial materials and I will not hold the District responsible for materials acquired on the network. I understand that there is information on the network that I otherwise might not want to have available to this student. Further, I accept full responsibility for my student's action on the network in school as well as at other locations.

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(Parent/Guardian Name -- Please Print)

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(Parent/Guardian Signature) (Date)