

In making decisions regarding access to the school district computers, computer network, the Internet, and other information resources, the Cedar Falls Community School District (CFCSD) considers the educational mission, goals, and objectives of the district. The ability to collaborate, communicate, think critically, and be creative online and in person is now fundamental to the preparation of citizens and future employees. Access to the school district computers, computer network, the Internet, and other information resources allows student access to unlimited amounts of materials, libraries, databases, generative artificial intelligence (AI) tools, and other resources while exchanging creative ideas and all types of media with people around the world. The CFCSD expects that faculty will appropriately use digital tools and resources throughout the curriculum and will provide guidance and instruction to students in their use.

All CFCSD students will receive an electronic account that includes access to email and online file storage. Students in lower elementary classes may be provided access through a classroom account. This account should primarily be used for educational purposes. As with all interactions on the Internet, students are expected to use these tools in a safe, legal, and ethical manner. CFCSD also provides student network wireless access in all buildings. CFCSD will not be responsible for any damage or loss of any student personal device. These are the expectations for this use of the CFCSD network with personal devices:

1. All students will use their own secure wireless login to access the network.
2. All student or non-CFCSD devices attached to the CFCSD network will have up to date security software that includes anti-virus and anti-malware programs.
3. Students who bring their own devices onto CFCSD property and use a non-CFCSD network to access the Internet are still bound by this policy.

Below is a list of unacceptable and unsafe behaviors for students. This list is not intended to be inclusive of all misuses.

1. Students will not access, review, upload, download, store, print, post, or distribute pornographic, obscene, sexually explicit material or that use language or images that are inappropriate to the educational setting or disruptive to the educational process and will not post information or materials that could cause damage or danger of disruption while on school property or while using school resources.
2. Students will not access, review, upload, download, store, print, post, or distribute materials that use language or images that advocate violence or discrimination toward other people (hate literature) or that may constitute harassment or discrimination while on school property or while using school resources without an approved educational/instructional purpose.

3. Students will not knowingly or recklessly post false or defamatory information about a person or organization, to harass another person, or to engage in personal attacks, including prejudicial or discriminatory attacks while on school property or while using school resources. This includes using AI to create deep fakes, impersonate someone, or generate harmful content.
4. Students will not engage in any illegal act or violate any local, state, or federal statute or law while on school property or while using school resources.
5. Students will not vandalize, damage, or disable the property of another person or organization, will not make deliberate attempts to degrade or disrupt equipment, software, or system performance by spreading computer viruses or by any other means will not tamper with, modify, or change the CFCSO Network software, hardware, or wiring.
6. Students will not take any action to violate the CFCSO Network's security, and will not disrupt the use of the system by other users nor gain unauthorized access to information resources or to access another person's materials, information, or files without the implied or direct consent of that person.
7. Students will not post private information about another person or to post personal contact information about themselves or other persons including, but not limited to, addresses, telephone numbers, school addresses, work addresses, identification numbers, account numbers, access codes, or passwords and will not repost a message that was sent to the user privately without permission of the person who sent the message.
8. Students will not violate copyright laws, usage licensing agreements, or another person's property without the author's prior approval or proper citation, including, but not limited to the downloading or exchanging of pirated software or copying software to or from any school computer, and will not plagiarize works they find on the Internet or other information resources. Students will demonstrate academic honesty and use AI tools when appropriate and not claim AI generated content as their own.
9. Students will not use the CFCSO Network for the conduct of a business, for unauthorized commercial purposes, or for financial gain unrelated to the mission of the school district. Users will not use the CFCSO Network to offer or provide goods, services, or product advertisement. Students will not use the CFCSO Network to purchase goods or services for personal use without authorization from the appropriate school district official.

CFCSO will provide ongoing age-appropriate instruction for students regarding Digital Citizenship. This curriculum will be designed to promote the district's commitment to:

- Respect and protect yourself
- Respect and protect others
- Respect and protect intellectual property

As a public organization, CFCS D is subject to open records laws for both student and staff email and network accounts. These accounts carry no expectation of privacy. Parents have the right at any time to investigate or review the contents of their child's accounts. The school district will cooperate fully with local, state and federal authorities in any investigation concerning or related to any illegal activities and activities not in compliance with school district policies.

The CFCS D defines intellectual property rights as a general term that covers copyright, registered designs and trademarks. Information users need to understand that authors resort to legal action when their works are infringed.

Plagiarism is the presentation of the thoughts, ideas, or words of another without crediting the sources. It is a form of academic dishonesty and may be grounds for disciplinary action. Students are expected to cite all sources they use. Copyright is a legal issue governed by federal law. Copyright extends to all forms of intellectual property, including print resources, web pages, database articles, images, and other works found on the Internet. The ability to legally use another's work depends on the following justifications: (1) the work is in the public domain; (2) the researcher has received permission from the copyright holder; or (3) the researcher asserts a right for fair use. Under the fair use doctrine of the U.S. copyright statute, it is permissible to use limited portions of a work including quotes, for purposes such as commentary, criticism, news reporting, and scholarly reports. Fair use is determined on a case-by-case basis. Individuals are expected to make educated, good faith decisions in determining whether fair use applies in a given situation.

Students who violate one or more of the unacceptable uses will be subject to disciplinary action based upon the school's discipline policy. This may include structured/non-independent use of technology while on school property, suspension, reparation for damages, expulsion, and/or referral to local law enforcement.

CFCS D has a filtering system in place that will monitor and log Internet activity as well as block unacceptable websites as reviewed by faculty, and/or administration. Although CFCS D is taking reasonable measures to ensure students do not acquire objectionable material, it cannot guarantee that a student will not be able to access objectionable material on the Internet. If a student accidentally accesses unacceptable materials or an unacceptable Internet site, the student should immediately report the accidental access to an appropriate school district official.

The proper use of the Internet and other information resources, and the educational value to be gained from proper use of the Internet and other information resources, is the combined responsibility of students, parents and employees of the school district.

In compliance with federal law, this policy will be maintained at least five years beyond the termination of funding under the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) or E-rate. An age-appropriate interpretation of this policy will be made available for students and families.

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