

East Fork Lutheran School Acceptable Use Policy

Technology and the internet have an ever-increasing presence in life and inside classrooms. The internet provides many potential benefits for the education of students at East Fork Lutheran School (EFLS). However, to ensure these benefits are realized, while dangers and risks are minimized, the following Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) has been developed. This AUP covers a non-exclusive range of expectations and requirements that address the school's need for government compliance and Christian conduct. The AUP is to be followed by users of the internet at EFLS, including guests, faculty, staff, and, especially, students.

The internet provides opportunities for students and teachers to access large amounts of information, in a variety of formats, and all in a short amount of time. The internet provides opportunities for teachers to engage students with powerful curricular content and better differentiate lessons so that each student is treated as the unique individual God has created them to be. Of course, there are plenty of dangers posed by internet use, especially when children use the internet without protection, supervision, and training. To this end, EFLS will educate students in digital citizenship, ensure supervision of students when they are using the internet, and take steps to limit harmful/obscene content on the school's network.

Acceptable Uses of the Internet: We want to do all things to the glory of God (1 Corinthians 10:31), including use the internet. The internet at EFLS may be used for research, the production, distribution, and display of educational content, and role and content appropriate electronic communications (such as e-mail).

Unacceptable Uses of the Internet: As we strive to avoid temptation (Matthew 26:41), the following uses of the internet are not permitted at EFLS: Accessing obscene or pornographic material, plagiarism, cyber-bullying, avoiding or attacking network restrictions, intentionally destroying data, and sharing sensitive information.

Consequences for Unacceptable Use of the Internet: The privilege of using the Internet and/or school devices will be suspended or permanently revoked. School discipline will be administered as deemed necessary by the principal. Criminal acts will be referred to the proper government authority.

By using the internet at EFLS, you agree to abide by the AUP above. EFLS reserves the right to monitor internet usage at the school. EFLS is not responsible for the potential loss of data, machine malfunctions, or other problems that can occur when using an internet-enabled device. Details on which educational apps and services EFLS uses are available on the [Device Usage and Educational Technology Consent Form](#), which is required to be signed by parents/guardians and students upon enrollment/re-enrollment.