

Internet Acceptable Use Policy

The First United Methodist School is pleased to offer students access to a computer network for electronic mail and the Internet. To gain access to e-mail and the Internet, all students must obtain parental permission as verified by the signatures on the form attached. Should a parent prefer that a student not have e-mail and Internet access, use of the computers is still possible for more traditional purposes such as word processing.

The Internet offers vast, diverse, and unique resources to both students and teachers. The goal of our school in providing this service to teachers and students is to promote educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication.

The Internet is an electronic highway connecting thousands of computers all over the world and millions of individual subscribers. It will enable students to explore thousands of libraries, databases, museums, and other repositories of information and to exchange personal communication with other Internet users around the world. With this type of access also comes the availability of material that may not be considered to be of educational value in the context of the school setting. First United Methodist School has taken precautions to restrict access to controversial materials. However, on a global network it is impossible to control all materials, and an industrious user may discover controversial information. The First United Methodist School firmly believes that the valuable information and interaction available on this worldwide network far outweighs the possibility that users may procure material that is not consistent with the educational goals of our school.

Users of the data network system of the First United Methodist School is responsible for their activity on the network. The School has developed a data network acceptable use policy. All users of the network are bound by this policy. Any violation of the policy will result in the suspension of access privileges or other disciplinary action, including student expulsion. Students are responsible for appropriate behavior on the school's computer network just as they are in a classroom or on a school playground. Communications on the network are often public in nature. General school rules for behavior and communications apply. The user is personally responsible for his/her actions in accessing and utilizing the school's computer resources. The students are advised never to access, keep, or send anything they would not want parents or teachers to see.

Although the capability exists for students to use e-mail access at school, it is usually restricted to interschool correspondence. Students in upper elementary will be exposed to proper e-mail etiquette and basic e-mail characteristics.

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The Rules of Appropriate Use

Privacy – Network storage areas may be treated like school desks, lockers, or storage areas. Network administrators and/or teachers may review communications to maintain system integrity and help insure that students are using the system responsibly.

Illegal copying – Students should never download or install any commercial software, shareware, or freeware onto network drives or disks, unless they have written permission from the Network Administrator. Nor should students copy other people’s work or intrude into other people’s files.

Inappropriate materials or language – No profane, abusive, or impolite language should be used to communicate nor should materials be accessed which are not in line with the rules of school behavior. A good rule to follow is never view, send, or access materials which you would not want your teachers and parents to see. Should students encounter such material by accident, they should report it to their teacher immediately.

Succinct Advice

These are guidelines to follow to prevent the loss of network privileges and/or other disciplinary action at First United Methodist School.

- Do not use a computer to harm other people or their work.
- Do not damage the computer or the network in any way.
- Do not interfere with the operation of the network by installing illegal software, shareware, or freeware.
- Do not violate copyright laws.
- Do not view, send, or display offensive messages or pictures.
- Do not share your password with another person.
- Do not waste limited resources such as disk space, printing capacity, or computer time.
- Do not trespass in another’s folders, work, or files.
- Do not give your full name, address, phone number, or school address without the permission of parents and teachers.
- Do notify an adult immediately, if by accident, you encounter materials that violate the rules of appropriate use.
- Be prepared to be held accountable for your actions and for loss of privileges if the Rules of Appropriate Use are violated.

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INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY PERMISSION FORM

Student/User Name (print) _____

Teacher _____

Date _____

Parent Signature _____

“Bring Your Own Device”

Technology Agreement Letter

Our world is constantly changing. One area where this is certainly more prevalent is with the access to a variety of forms of technology. As our children grow, they will be exposed to a wide array of technology that we as adults can only imagine would have existed a few years ago.

First United Methodist School is committed to assisting students and staff in creating a 21st century learning environment. In effort to support this progress, our **fourth through eighth grade students** are able to bring their personal **Kindles, tablets, laptops, or iPads** for **teacher-supervised reading or research** during the school day.

The students have been and will continue to be instructed on the proper use of technology in the classroom. If they choose to bring their personal devices from home, they must be used only as intended, understanding that **we as a school cannot assume responsibility for loss or damage.**

Our staff may confiscate any device being used inappropriately, and all school discipline procedures will be enforced as necessary. If a device is confiscated due to misuse, it will be promptly returned to the parent at the end of the school day, and that particular student will have lost his/her privilege to BYOD. Teachers will actively supervise student use of the devices during the school day. Students will only be allowed to use their devices in common areas with teacher permission and under supervision.

This BYOD initiative is **not a requirement** for our students, and those who choose not to bring a device for reading may bring a hard copy of their reading text. If you have any further questions regarding this opportunity, please contact us.

Serving Christ and Preparing Our Students to Serve,
Dr. Richelle Sampl, FUMS Principal