**Festus R-VI School District Technology Acceptable Use Policy**

This policy applies to the use of District-owned devices and technology at all times, regardless whether the student is on or away from District property. The policy also applies to the use of privately-owned devices while a student is on school property or at school-sponsored activities, whether on or away from District property. For purposes of this policy, school property shall include student transportation vehicles operated by or by the District. The policy also applies to the use of privately-owned devices used away from District property and activities to the extent that such use is intended to or has the effect of interfering, in any manner, with the good order and discipline of the District, District technology, and other District operations.

Use of a technological device in the school setting is an educational tool available to students of the Festus R-VI School District.

The goal of the Festus R-VI School District is to promote educational excellence in the use of technologies such as Internet, e-mail and computers by facilitating resource sharing, research, innovation and communication. However, along with the technology access that is valuable to the educational learning process comes possible access to material that is educationally inappropriate. Accessing such material using District owned and personal devices, as described above, is strictly prohibited, and the Festus R-VI School District takes precautions to restrict access to inappropriate material by teaching all students responsible Internet use, and through the use of filtering software.

Use of the Internet, computers and e-mail is an educational privilege. Inappropriate use of District owned devices, personal devices, software, e-mail or the Internet will result in cancellation of those privileges. Before being allowed to access the Internet, e-mail, personal devices and District-owned devices in the District, students will review the Technology Usage Policies, approved by the Festus R-VI school board, and sign the Acceptable use Policy. Attempting to view obscene and/or pornographic, and/or material that is unlawful, otherwise prohibited by policies pertaining to student conduct, or wholly irrelevant to the instructional process may result in disciplinary actions for students. Internet access and District e-mail is not provided for selling and buying personal items. Users will be made aware that they have no expectation of privacy when they use District-owned at any time, and personal devices at school, except as otherwise provided by law. Routine monitoring of District-owned technology and personal devices using District-technology and systems, all to the extent permitted by law, may reveal evidence of inappropriate activities and an individualized search of activities or personal files may occur at any time, as permitted by law, including but not limited to circumstances in which there is a reasonable suspicion of inappropriate activity.

Students of the Festus R-VI School District are responsible for appropriate behavior when using technology.

Data storage areas for students are open to review of files by administrators to maintain system integrity and ensure that technological devices are being used responsibly.

**Prohibited actions include, by are not limited to, the following:**

1. Taking, sending or displaying messages or pictures deemed by the District to be inappropriate for the school setting, in violation of Board policy, or substantially likely to cause a disruption.
2. Using obscene, profane or disrespectful language, harassing, cyber-bullying or insulting others.
3. Damaging computers, other District owned devices, computer systems or computer networks.
4. Violating copyright laws.
5. Accessing, using, altering, or otherwise interfering with a teacher or student’s password, registered accounts, files, or email accounts, including their Google drive or individual hard drive.
6. Using District technology or personal devices shopping, purchasing, soliciting, advertising, fund-raising, commercial purposes, gambling, or financial gain.
7. Revealing the personal address or phone number of a student or employee without express permission of appropriate school personnel.
8. Using social networking sites for non-educational purposes.
9. Any activity meant to circumvent network security services *(e.g., web filter, firewalls).*

Any violation of the able prohibitions, or any other inappropriate or unlawful use of District-owned or personal devices, may result in a loss of computer access privileges as well as other disciplinary or legal action.

Adherence to the provisions stated within the School Board Usage Policies EHB and EHB-AP is required.

**Signed copies of this agreement are required before any Internet/device use is permitted. Copies are kept on file in the permanent records.**

**Student Name** *(print)* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Student Signature** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Name** *(print)*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Signature** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Signatures indicate understanding and acceptance of the**

**R-VI Technology Acceptable Usage Policy.**