



Dear Parents/Guardians:

In Foothills School Division, we continue to grow our technology infrastructure to offer our students access to some of the latest digital tools. To create a safe and respectful learning environment, students and their families share in the responsibility to use these tools appropriately.

We require informed consent from parents/guardians for students' use of FSD software and hardware as well as to access the Foothills School Division network.

**Please review the attached Appendix B – Responsible Use Agreement and related consent form, and return the completed hard copy form (emails not accepted) to your child's school office no later than Friday, September 15, 2017.**

Parents/guardians with children that are new to Foothills School Division (at all grade levels) are required to complete the form. Thereafter, families and students will be required to renew their consent when entering a new school.

**Please Note:** If you do not return the form by Friday, September 15, 2017, your child's network access will be disabled. This may impact their ability to participate in learning programs and complete classroom assignments.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "J. Bailey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail on the letter "y".

John Bailey  
Superintendent of Schools

## Network Resources Responsible Use Protocol

### Introduction

Foothills School Division provides technology resources that support learning for students and staff or supports administrative operations. *Network resources* refer to all resources on the network of Foothills School Division. This includes, but is not limited to, Google Edu, Microsoft Office 365, Internet access, e-mail accounts, installed software, personal file storage and all hardware attached to the network. Networked technology is infused in the daily lives of students and its use as responsible citizens is implied.

### Principles of Use

- ✓ Foothills School Division owns all network resources and has the right to monitor use of the network resources.
- ✓ All network resources are for educational use.
- ✓ Network resources are valuable resources and should be used responsibly.
- ✓ The use of network resources is subject to all policies and practices of both the division and the school related to technology, property or conduct.
- ✓ Access to network resources with personal devices is subject to the policies and practices of Foothills School Division.

### Activation of the Nine Elements of Digital Citizenship (ISTE 2009)

Users of district based network services will have the knowledge, skills and abilities that allow users to:

- ✓ Be able to responsibly participate in a digital society provided to them when they access district network resources.
- ✓ Provide the self-protection required to buy and sell in a digital world.
- ✓ Digitally communicate safely and appropriately through multiple methods.
- ✓ Use digital technology collaboratively and demonstrate critical thinking in its use.
- ✓ Consider others when using digital technologies.
- ✓ Protect the rights of others and be able to defend their own digital rights.
- ✓ Consider the risks (both physical and psychological) when using digital technologies.
- ✓ Abide by the laws, rules, and district policies that govern the use of digital technologies.
- ✓ Be custodians of their own information while creating precautions to protect others' data as well.

### Conditions of Use

- ✓ Students should use network resources for appropriate educational purposes only.
- ✓ Students will not publish on the Internet or in publicly viewed files personal information about themselves or other students.
- ✓ Students who discover material on the network that is inappropriate or makes them feel uncomfortable should report the material to a staff member.
- ✓ Students will only use their assigned login in the manner intended. This includes accessing only network resources assigned to their login. Students will not use another person's files, output or user name.
- ✓ Students are responsible for the security of access (login and password) to their network resources. In particular, do not tell others your password or leave a workstation where you

are logged in. Change your password regularly. Students are responsible for problems caused by use of their login by other individuals.

- ✓ Students will not decrease the operation of and access to network resources through inappropriate use of network resources, malicious activity directed against network resources or through unauthorized use of personal programs/data files.
- ✓ Access to network resources with personal devices requires the permission of the school administration.
- ✓ Consequences of inappropriate use of network resources could include loss of network privileges, withdrawal from a course, suspension, financial liability for damages, legal action.

## Procedures

1. Principals shall:
  - 1.1. Inform students, parents and staff of the Division's and school's expectations for responsible use.
  - 1.2. Encourage parents to communicate to school personnel any concerns they may have about inappropriate use of network resources.
  - 1.3. Ensure all staff are aware of the Network Resources Responsible Use Protocol and the Social Media Code of Conduct.
2. Principals shall educate students, parents and staff regarding the nine elements of digital citizenship as outlined on the web at [http://www.digitalcitizenship.net/Nine\\_Elements.html](http://www.digitalcitizenship.net/Nine_Elements.html)
3. When dealing with situations involving inappropriate use of network resources, school staff are to:
  - 3.1. Intervene quickly to enforce this administrative procedure.
  - 3.2. Enforce the procedure consistently.
  - 3.3. Develop protocols for investigating incidents.
  - 3.4. Involve technology facilitators to enforce appropriate actions regarding student accounts
4. Principals will involve the Director of Learning Technologies in cases where investigation into stored digital information is required.

**Responsible Use Agreement Form:**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that my child’s records are saved on secure cloud based servers. This includes Student Information Systems: Maplewood, Clevr and Students Achieve. These tools are important to maintain current records related to your child’s progress.

As a requirement under the Freedom of Information and Privacy Protection act the following consent to Google and Microsoft Office 365 is required.

I provide my informed consent to allow my child to access:

(Place a “√” in the box(es) to allow access to the services listed)

→  Foothills School Division Google Edu tools (Gmail, Google Hangouts, Google Drive etc.) Detailed information regarding this service is available at: <http://www.fsd38.ab.ca//documents/general/Going-Google.pdf>

→  Foothills School Division Microsoft Office 365 tools (OneDrive, OneNote Classroom, Office 365 etc.) Detailed information regarding this service is available at: <http://www.fsd38.ab.ca//documents/general/Office-365-in-FSD.pdf>

If this signed form is not completed by September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017, all network and email logins will be disabled for your child.

For grade levels 7 and higher, student signature is required.

<p><b>Student</b> I have read this with my parent(s) or guardian.</p> <p>I agree to follow the conditions of this Responsible Use Agreement.</p> <p>Student Signature: _____</p> <p>Date: _____</p>	<p><b>Parent/Guardian</b> I have read this with my child.</p> <p>I have read the Responsible Use Agreement and understand the educational intent of network resources.</p> <p>Parent/Guardian Name (Print): _____</p> <p>Parent/Guardian Signature: _____</p> <p>Date: _____</p>
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**Please return the completed form to the school.**

This informed consent remains in force until the student has moved to another school.

At any time during the school year to make changes to your student’s network access, please provide written consent to the school office.

The information on this form is collected under the authority of section 33(c) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. This information will be used to determine network services accessibility in Foothills School Division. If you have any questions about the collection of this information, contact Foothills School Division’s FOIP Manager, at 403-652-6502 or [communications@fsd38.ab.ca](mailto:communications@fsd38.ab.ca).