



Simons Middle School



21.0 – Technology

CRITERIA AND GUIDELINES

In order to help prepare students for life in a digital world, the following are criteria and guidelines for technology use to which Simons Middle School will adhere:

- The role of technology in classroom instruction will focus on ways to do work better and more efficiently, on synthesizing information and content, and on doing higher-level work in collaborative, real-world ways.
- Students will be taught to use technology as a vehicle for creating and revising work
- Students will be taught to use critical evaluation of Internet sites used for research and study including but not limited to: currency/date, authorship and authority, accuracy/validity, objectivity or bias, and presence or absence of a copyright.
- Students will be taught the ethical practices, appropriate etiquette, and online safety including but not limited to interacting with other individuals on social networking sites and in chat rooms and cyber bullying awareness and response.
- Teachers will be given technology professional development (PD) as indicated by annual needs assessments in order to work proficiently with students including teaching the skills and knowledge called for in this section.
- Students will be allowed to bring personal technology to school for educational use only, such devices must meet the qualifications of the Fleming County Schools AUP.
- An Acceptable Use Policy/Form from the Fleming County School District will outline technology policies and includes space for student and parent signatures will be developed and reviewed and updated if necessary each year.
- Simons Middle School Students will also be held to expectations in the Simons Middle School One-to-One Device Handbook.
- Parents/Guardians will be required to pay for damages to school technology issued to students.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Students will adhere to all school and district rules and policies regarding the use of any and all electronic devices at school. Specific details about using electronic devices as well as consequences for misuse can be found in the Acceptable Use Policy/Form and the SMS Device Handbook (see section below) and also in the Parent/Student and Teachers' Handbooks.

ACCEPTABLE USE

Each year all students and parents will be required to sign and date an Acceptable Use Policy/Form from the Fleming County School District in order to have access to school/district technology. This policy/form is attached and considered part of this Technology Utilization Policy adopted by the Simons Middle School-Based Decision Making Council. (See Attachment)

ATTACHMENTS

Fleming County Schools Acceptable Use Policy: <http://www.fleming.kyschools.us/docs/AUP-0.pdf>

Simons Middle School One to One Device Policy:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1SqPud5iipbnxXNcEKIhzIbOFVAv38-R7yei3cBe2Z0/edit?usp=sharing>



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POLICY EVALUATION

We will evaluate the effectiveness of this policy through our school Improvement Planning Process.

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Date Adopted: February 19, 2018

Signature: 

Date Reviewed or Revised: _____

Council Chairperson's Initials: _____

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