Network Integration Policy

At FRCS, we strive to provide excellence in your student's classroom experience. As a part of that experience, we have introduced the use of iPads in the classrooms for our textbooks, note taking, study tools, testing, and so much more. Through the use of technology in the classroom, the student can be more engaged and carry a lighter load throughout the day. However, with all these benefits, there are some negatives, such as distractions from apps and games.

For the 2015-2016 school year, we are implementing a new system that will provide new restrictions for student iPads. These restrictions will only apply to the tablet while at school during normal school hours. The tablet will be free to function normally without restrictions on the weekends and holidays. Due to the number of students, restrictions will not be able to be lifted if a student is absent from a normal day of school. To help you and your student with his classroom experience, we will implement this network integration policy. The following are the guidelines required to have a student's iPad connected to our network here at FRCS:

1. The Student/Parent must allow FRCS to "supervise" the iPad.

    a. What does this mean?
        A "supervised" iPad is an iPad that has been connected to an Apple server and has been configured by this server. When this server maintenance is performed, the iPad is wiped to factory settings. The student will be able to set his Apple ID backup on the iPad and reconnect his iCloud, but they will not be able to restore from a backup until the iPad is "un-supervised" by the server at the end of the year.
    b. Why do we need to do this?
        1) Performing a supervision of an iPad brings many advantages to the IT administration in controlling the content students can access during school hours.
        2) With a "supervised" iPad, the IT administration will have the ability to install custom "profiles" on the iPad which will allow for direct control of most iPad functions. This includes deactivating the camera, iMessage, AirDrop, and other distracting device functions.

2. The Student Must allow FRCS to "Time Provision" his iPad.

    a. What does this mean?
        "Time provisioning" is a process that allows an installed "profile" on a "supervised" iPad to be time-activated.
    b. Why do we need to do this?
        With "time provisioning," we can make a student's iPad function normally at home, but while the student is at school, the iPad will function as the IT Administration has profiled it. (i.e. the camera will be disabled; AirDrop disabled; iMessage disabled; etc.)

3. Proper functionality of a student's iPad is dependent upon the installation of the provisioning profile of the iPad.

    a. The profile provides the installation and use of necessary applications as well as connectivity of a student's iPad to the FRCS network.

    b. Should a student uninstall the profile from his iPad, the iPad will lose school functionality and the student will be penalized.

4. FAQs

    a. Will data be erased from a student's iPad during the installation of the profile?

        If the student has his documents and apps connected with iCloud, then the documents will resync once connection is made with iCloud. Make sure your student has an iCloud account of his own and that all syncing services are turned on. iCloud accounts should not be shared. Also in the settings app, go to any application, such as Pages, and make sure that iCloud syncing is turned on as well as any other kind of syncing for which apps may have options. Learn more at: https://www.apple.com/support/icloud/documents/

        Apps can be restored once the time restrictions for the FRCS profile are disabled. Purchased content including apps and in-app purchases will be able to be restored by logging in to the Apple ID originally used to download the content. Learn more at: https://www.apple.com/support/itunes/downloading/

        Gaming applications and game related data synced to Game Center on the iPad will be restored once the student re-downloads his games and re-syncs with Game Center. Learn more at: https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT202097

    b. Will this solution prevent students from all distractions and keep them only in their school apps?

        No. Though student iPads will be very restricted and monitored, these devices can still be a distraction if misused. School administration and teachers will still strictly enforce the FRCS Tablet Acceptable Use Policy. Students who attempt to bypass, remove, or alter the FRCS provisioning profile will be heavily penalized. Parents are encouraged to keep their students accountable for activity on their iPads at school and at home.

Franklin Road Christian Network Integration Policy Agreement

As a student, I agree to abide by the above policies. I understand that failing to submit to these policies will result in receiving demerits and a potential forfeiting of my privilege of using tablets in the classroom. By signing below, I am agreeing to abide by all terms and conditions as outlined in the FRCS Network Integration Policy.

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FRCS Student Signature   Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature   Date