

FPS SOCIAL MEDIA GUIDELINES

Social Media Guidelines (Terms of Use)

Framingham Public School District's social media accounts are intended to serve as a mechanism for communication between the public and the Framingham Public Schools on various school and community-related topics.

Public Records Law

Under Massachusetts law, all content on Framingham Public School's social media pages, including social media comments, replies, and private messages exchanged with Framingham Public Schools are part of the public record and are subject to Massachusetts Public Records Law (G.L.c.4, § 7(26)). All content is archived, including comments edited or removed by the citizen or moderator.

By becoming a fan/follower/subscriber of Framingham Public Schools, your information and comments may be a matter of public record. The District may be required to retain this information in accordance with the State of Massachusetts retention schedule. Public record requests can be made [online](#) or through the City Clerk's Office.

Moderation of Third Party Content

Framingham Public Schools reserves the right to restrict or remove any content that is deemed in violation of these guidelines or any applicable law. The District's intent is not to create a public forum, but to maintain a moderated online discussion (a limited public forum) directly relating to the topics posted by the Framingham Public School District that are appropriate for citizens.

The District's social media content, posts and comments, when permitted, shall not contain any of the following and will be removed as soon as possible:

- Comments not topically related to the particular social media article
- Content in support of or opposition to political campaigns or ballot measures
- Profane or vulgar language or content
- Content that promotes, fosters, or perpetuates discrimination on the basis of race, creed, color, age, religion, gender, national origin, or physical or mental disability

- Sexual content or links to sexual content
- Links to or references to commercial websites, spam or any third party website unless posted by the District's approved authorized staff users for links to partnered/sponsored organizations, confirmed governmental agencies or other legitimate organizations as the District deems appropriate.
- Conduct or encouragement of violent or illegal activity
- Personal or character attacks
- Content that violates a copyright, trademark or other legal ownership interest of any other party
- Information that may compromise the safety or security of the public or public systems
- Content containing personal identifying information or sensitive personal information

Framingham Public Schools may ban repeat violators from posting to the District's social media accounts, as well as remove comments at any time.