

# Policy for Acceptable Use of Computers and Other Technology

## General Terms:

Students are responsible for good behavior on school computers. General school rules for behavior and communications apply. Access to computers and network is given to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. Parent permission is required. Access is a privilege - not a right. Access entails responsibility.

All computers and other technology are to be used in a responsible, efficient, ethical and legal manner. Christian values are to be honored when using the Internet. School computers are to be used for educational purpose only. No game playing is permitted on school computers, except for education software packages that use a game format. School computers are never to be used to access chat rooms or any other sites that allow multi-user interaction. All computer usage must be supervised by the school staff/faculty.

Files stored with the school computer systems should be limited to those relating to formal school courses or activities. Games, commercial software, or graphic files that are not for school projects or formal activity should not be used or stored in the school computer systems.

If the user makes changes to the system software, including administrative privileges, the user will be responsible for the consequences of those actions.

Through the course of the school year, movies/video may be shown that would serve as a supplement to classroom material or are of a character-building/spiritual nature. These movies are screened and approved beforehand. Students are to refrain from bringing video games or movies to school.

Students are not permitted to bring laptops, Gameboys, MP3 players, Xbox, headphones, or other electronic devices to school.

## Internet Usage:

Access to the Internet will enable students to explore thousands of libraries, databases, and bulletin boards throughout the world. Parents should be warned that some material accessible via the Internet may contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate, or potentially offensive to some people. While our intent is to make internet access available to further education goals and objectives, students may find ways to access other material as well. We will supervise and discourage any such behavior. We will guide them to appropriate materials. We endeavor to block inappropriate material through content filtering software on the Internet. We believe that the benefits to students from access to the internet exceed any disadvantages. However, parents ultimately bear the responsibility for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using media and information sources. Families bear the same responsibility for such guidance as they exercise the information sources such as television, telephones, movies, radio, and other potentially offensive media.

## TECHNOLOGY AGREEMENT

By signing this form, I agree to the following terms:

1. I have reviewed the guidelines set forth in the Acceptable Use Policy. I will follow the AUP when using technology materials at school.  
I understand that my use of the computer and any technology must be conducted in a responsible, efficient, ethical, and legal manner.
2. I will exercise care and caution when using the computer by not defacing it or using it with food or drink nearby. Repair cost from abuse or neglect will be my responsibility.
3. I will not load software from CDs, internet, or personal disks onto the computer.
4. I will honor my Christian values when using the Internet. I will notify the supervising teacher immediately if any offensive or inappropriate materials appear.
5. I will not give personal information when using the Internet. I will notify the supervising teacher immediately if I am asked for such information.
6. I will not access multi-user talk sites (chat rooms) or games.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Signature: \_\_\_\_\_