

TRINITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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INTERNET USE POLICY 2015-2016

Dear Parents:

It is our goal to educate students about efficient, ethical, and appropriate use of the Internet. We want to emphasize the responsibility and privilege of the Internet usage. Trinity Christian School agrees to adhere to the Acceptable Use Policy. This is to be read and discussed with your child. Please sign and return the Acceptable Use Policy.

We are writing to seek your help in making sure your children use the Internet appropriately wherever they have access. The unregulated nature of the information on the Internet requires that we establish guidelines for Internet use in the home and at school. Some materials on the Internet are objectionable. Even careful students may come across inappropriate information on the Internet.

Here are some suggestions and information to help you steer your children away from danger on the Internet:

ADULT SUPERVISION - Be sure to supervise your children's Internet use. Parental oversight is the most effective way to monitor their Internet use at home.

COMPUTER PLACEMENT - Put the computer in a central family room rather than in the child's bedroom so that you can monitor online activities more easily.

SAFETY TIPS - Give your children safety rules for Internet use. You can find suggested rules at their Safe Kids Web site at www.safekids.com. Make sure you tell your children to obey your rules whether they're in your home or in a friend's home. Tell your children not to arrange meetings or give out any personal information or photos to strangers via e-mail or chat rooms. At school your child will not be able to e-mail or chat, though the teacher may use these activities with the class as an educational resource (such as contacting an expert in some field to answer questions in a particular subject of interest.) Tell your children to report to you immediately if they received any type of threatening communication.

FILTERING INFORMATION - Consider using technology to help you block, monitor, or otherwise control your children's access to inappropriate or illegal information on the Internet. Many companies offer blocking software to help parents filter Internet access. Here are a few companies that offer filtering software: cyberpatrol.com, netnanny.com, and cybersitter.com. You can visit these Web sites and download the software for a cost. Please talk to your Internet provider about what other options are available or visit its homepage. For example, on the AOL home page, parents can click on "Keep Your Kids Safe In Cyberspace," and get helpful information. You may also visit the Web site <http://kids.getnetwise.org/tools/> for information about filtering options. We are using Cybersitter at school. We have also selected GOOD SEARCH for our School web homepage on each computer.

PENALTIES FOR THREATENING E-MAILS AND WEB SITES - Please remind your children that they can be subject to school discipline and/or criminal prosecution for sending threatening e-mails or creating violent Web site from their home computer – even if they intend the message as a joke.

RESOURCES ON INTERNET SAFETY - Do as much research as you can on Internet safety. Here is a Web site to get you started. Safety on the Internet: www.ou.edu/oupd/inetmenu.htm. This site gives you tips and tools for keeping children safe online, a list of further resources, and a guide for children to read and more.

By working together, we can safeguard children and give them to take advantage of the positive opportunities that the Internet offers.

In His Service.

Mrs. Sharon Axe
Co-Principal

Mrs. Jimmie Drummond
Co-Principal



ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

The Internet user is held responsible for his/her actions whenever using the Internet. Unacceptable uses of the network will result in the suspension or revoking of these privileges.

Some examples of unacceptable use are:

- Sending or displaying offensive message or pictures on Facebook or email
- Texting and/or blogging offensive message or pictures
- Using obscene or slanderous language
- Harassing, insulting, or attacking others
- Damaging computers, computer systems, or computer networks
- Violating copyright laws
- Using another's password
- Trespassing in another's folders, work, or files
- Intentionally wasting limited resources
- Employing the network for commercial purposes
- Downloading or distributing pirated software or data of illegal activity
- Attempting to disable, defeat, or circumvent any school security system

All users of the internet will agree to adhere to the following Code of Ethics:

I agree to follow Trinity Christian School's rules. I will strive to apply Philippians 4:8 to my Internet use. "Finally brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things."

STUDENT SECTION

As a user of Trinity Christian School computer network, I hereby agree to comply with the above stated rules—communicating over the network in a reliable fashion while honoring all relevant laws, restrictions and ethics.

Student Signature _____ Grade _____

Printed Name _____

PARENT SECTION

As the parent or legal guardian of the minor student signing above, I grant permission for my son or daughter to access networking computer services on the Internet. I understand that individuals and families may be held liable for violations. I understand that some materials on the Internet may be objectionable, but I accept responsibility for guidance of Internet use—setting and conveying standard for my daughter or son to follow when selecting, sharing or exploring information.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Printed Name _____

