Christ School 2013-2014

STUDENT TECHNOLOGY USAGE POLICY

Christ School has a campus wide high-speed computer network and Internet access. Our goal in providing these resources for the community is to promote educational excellence in our curriculum, to help students learn to utilize these resources, and to find appropriate communication pathways through our system. To ensure that these services are used as they were intended, as well as to keep it running properly, the following guidelines must be agreed to by all users. **The Christ School Technology Department reserves the right to check any technology device if we have reason to believe any of the policy has not been followed.**

**Inappropriate use of technology will be grounds for having computer and telephone privileges revoked and/or the students’ computer or phone confiscated. Infractions will be referred to the Director of Student Life. At the discretion of the Student Life office, a student may have his computer or phone confiscated.**

Christ School Network – General Info

Christ School provides wired, filtered internet access in dorm rooms and wireless student access in the academic buildings, Student Center, and in the commons rooms of each dorm.

Students must use technology for educational activities and keeping in touch with friends and family, while maintaining proper decorum.

The CS Network uses a Content Filter and Firewall to maintain integrity and block sites deemed to be unacceptable in content.

Christ School will cooperate fully with federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies investigating any illegal activity that has been conducted from the Christ School Network with any technology device.

Printing is available from the library and computer lab computers only. Personal printers are permitted in the student’s room. Students are responsible for maintaining personal technology devices.

It is highly recommended that the students use a password to secure their own computers.

Internet

Student computer/Internet use in the classroom and study hall falls under the guidelines of this AUP and should be for educational purposes only. The teacher has the right to add his/her own stipulations.

All students may only access the Internet via the Christ School network. Use of dial up, remote access, VPN, anonymous proxies, and PCI broadband cards is prohibited and will be handled as a violation of this policy.

Posting of personal information on any website is dangerous and not condoned by the school.

Posting of material deemed defamatory or in violation of the school’s mission (including members of the community) or in association with the Christ School name is a serious offense and will be handled as a violation of this AUP.

Students may not use the Christ School Network (technology infrastructure owned by Christ School) for any inappropriate purposes, including but not limited to selling or obtaining illegal substances, issuing a threatening email, harassment, and/or foul or indecent language.

Students may use a legal paid service (such as iTunes) to download music and videos. However, file sharing programs such as BitTorrent, BearShare, Ares, LimeWire, etc. are not be used or installed on any technology device while on the Christ School Network.

**Plagiarism and Copyright infringement is strictly prohibited.** All material taken from the Internet must be acknowledged in MLA format and citation. Any use of copyrighted or previously published/presented material as one’s own is a violation of the Christ School Honor Code as well as the AUP.

Hardware/ Software

Students may bring their own computers to school for Internet and Network access.

A local computer company is available to perform maintenance and repairs on student technology devices.

Christ School maintains Computer Lab and Media Center computer workstations for all students’ use for school related work. These are available throughout the class day and during scheduled evening study halls. The software used at Christ School for student assignments, etc., is Microsoft Office 2007 (Word, Excel, PowerPoint). Photoshop is also available in the computer lab.

All student computers must be powered through a surge protector. Christ School is not responsible for damage caused by electrical surges or outages.

Students should have anti-virus and anti-spyware software installed, up to date, and set to scan at least once a month. Real time/On-access scanning capabilities are highly recommended.

It is strongly recommended that students run operating system updates on their computer at least once a month.

TV’s, cable to computer converters, and “over the air” adapters are not permitted at any time. If the computer contains such a device it should not be used.

Any video recording device should not be used in bathrooms, locker rooms, and other areas that require privacy.

Routers and wireless access points are strictly prohibited and will be confiscated.

Email

Christ School students have an individual account with a private password that they use for internet and email access. Students should keep these passwords confidential to prevent others from accessing their account.

Bulk e-mail from the student's account is strictly prohibited.

Maintenance

All network connections will be configured and maintained by the CS Technology Department.

The Christ School Technology Department is not responsible for maintenance on student computers, due to warranty restrictions and liability issues, though we can provide a quick assessment and recommend steps to take. The manufacturer or a local computer repair/support center is recommended for computer repairs.

Approval

Parents and students must read and acknowledge this Acceptable Use Policy before the student is granted network access.

By signing below, parents grant permission for their son to have access to the Christ School Network. A signature also acknowledges that parents and students have read this Acceptable Use Policy and agree to all the provisions therein.

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

Printed Name of Student:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Entry Grade:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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