

Good Shepherd Christian Academy

Acceptable Use Policy for the Use of Computers and Telecommunications

Good Shepherd Christian Academy provides computer and Internet resources for the use of students, teachers, staff and people in the community. Members of these groups are encouraged to use the computers for educational activities and the efficient exchange of useful information. All users are expected to conduct their on-line activities in an ethical and legal fashion. The use of these resources is a privilege, not a right. Misuse of these resources will result in the loss of these privileges as well as disciplinary consequences. Appropriate educational uses of these resources include:

- Software available on the computer may be used for its intended educational value.
- Accessing the Internet to retrieve information from libraries databases and the World Wide Web sites to enrich and expand curriculum is encouraged.
- E-Mail capabilities may be used under staff or faculty supervision and only to facilitate assigned learning projects.

Inappropriate and unacceptable use of these resources include those uses that violate the law, are counter to the rules of network etiquette or hamper the security of the connection to the internet. Some unacceptable practices include:

- The use of school computers to transmit threatening, harassing or obscene materials.
- The use of school computers to receive obscene messages or pictures.
- Intentional damage to the computer hardware or software or any attempts to harm, modify, or destroy data of another user. Attempts to breach the security codes or passwords will be considered a form of vandalism.
- The propagation of computer viruses.

Any attempt to violate the provisions of this agreement will result in revocation of the user's privileges. In addition, school disciplinary action may be taken. The decision of the school regarding inappropriate use of technology is final.

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Agreement for the Use of Computers and Telecommunications Parental Consent Form

Good Shepherd Christian Academy has chosen to permit students to have access to computer and Internet resources. Reasonable care has been taken to assure the appropriateness and educational quality of the material available through the use of educational software and the Internet. However, parents and guardians are advised that Good Shepherd Christian Academy does not have total control of the information on the internet. Therefore, Good Shepherd Christian Academy supports and respects each family’s right to decide whether or not their child (ren) may have access to this resource.

1. I am the parent/guardian of the student named below. I have read the “Acceptable Use Policy of Computers and Telecommunications” and have explained its contents to my child.
2. Check one:

_____ I hereby consent to my child having access to the computer and internet resources at Good Shepherd Christian Academy. I also hold harmless the school for any claims or loss resulting from any infraction by the student of the school’s policy.

_____ I do not consent to my child having access to the computer and internet resources at Good Shepherd Christian Academy.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Name of student (please print)