



## **INTERNET USE AGREEMENT**

We are pleased to offer the students at Worthington Christian School internet access. As teachers, we feel that part of our responsibility in preparing students for life-long learning is to provide students access to the tool they will be using as adults – and we feel that Internet is one of these tools.

The internet represents a unique opportunity for our students to begin to explore the incredible wealth of information that will enhance their learning. Among the advantages, students will be able to do research, access sites that go along with lessons, and communicate with other schools, community peoples, or other professionals. Access is a privilege – not a right. We expect the students to use the internet with discernment and responsibility.

At all grade levels, use of the Internet will be supervised by the staff, and a filter has been put in place to stop as much "inappropriate material" from being accessed as possible. Please be aware, however, that there is unacceptable and controversial material on the Internet that your child could access purposely or accidentally despite all our precautions.

Network storage areas may be treated like school lockers. Network administrators may review files and communications to maintain system integrity and ensure that users are using the system responsibly. Users should not expect that files stored on the network server will always be private. Within reason, freedom of speech and access to information will be honored.

We do believe that it is also the responsibility of parents to teach discernment and set guidelines that their children should follow while dealing with media and internet sources. We encourage you to use this as an opportunity to have a discussion with your child about your values and your expectations and about how these values should guide your child's activities while they are on the internet.

The following are not permitted:

- Intentionally accessing inappropriate or disallowed sites
- Intentionally accessing the internet during a period when such activity is not allowed
- Sending or displaying offensive messages or pictures
- Using obscene language
- Harassing, insulting or attacking others
- Altering or damaging computers/iPads/tablets, computer systems or computer networks
- Violating copyright laws
- Trespassing in another's folders, work or files, including using or taking another's flash drive/memory stick without expressed permission
- Unauthorized personal email, Instant Messaging-type communication, or social media access

Violations will be dealt with using the three-strike method:

1<sup>st</sup> violation = student will have no access to computers for 1 week

2<sup>nd</sup> violation = student will have no access to computers for 6 weeks

3<sup>rd</sup> violation = student will have no access to computers for the remainder of the school year

Violations may also result in grade reduction as well as other disciplinary action.

As a student of WCS, I agree to follow the rules of Internet Use as outlined in the Handbook and to be reliable and responsible. I understand that if I violate the rules I will face disciplinary measures.

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

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

As the parent or legal guardian of the student above, I grant permission for my son(s) and/or daughter(s) to access the internet. I understand that it is impossible for WCS to restrict access to all controversial materials and I will not hold them responsible for materials acquired over the network by my child(ren). I understand that some materials on the internet may be objectionable, but I accept responsibility for guidance of internet use and setting guidelines for my child(ren) to follow.

Parent/Guardian Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_