



INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY*

Colquitt Christian Academy is pleased to offer its students access to a computer network for electronic mail and the Internet. To gain access to e-mail and the Internet, both parent/guardian and student must sign and return this form to the school.

The Internet is a powerful resource for expanding the educational experience of each student. Access to e-mail and the Internet will enable students to explore thousands of libraries, data bases, and bulletin boards throughout the world. Unfortunately, it is true that some material accessible via the Internet contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate, and offensive. Many educators believe, however, that the benefits to students in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration, exceed the disadvantages and therefore this school has chosen to make the Internet available to its students. Ultimately parents/guardians are responsible for setting and conveying standards that their children should follow when using media and information sources. We respect each family's right to decide whether or not to apply for their child's Internet access.

Since the Internet is provided for students to conduct research and communicate with others, access is given to students who agree to act in a responsible manner. Access is a privilege - not a right. Access requires responsibility. Access requires parental permission. Access requires compliance with the following policies:

1. The students should have no expectation of privacy or confidentiality in the content of electronic communications or other computer files sent and received on the school computer network or stored in his/her directory. The school computer system operator or other school employees may review the subject, content, and appropriateness of electronic communications or other computer files and remove them if warranted, reporting any violation of rules to the school administrator or law enforcement officials.
2. When sending electronic messages, students shall not include information that could identify themselves or other students. Examples of identifying information include last names, addresses, and phone numbers. Students shall identify themselves by first names. Your Internet ID and password are provided only for your personal use. *Do not share your password!* If you suspect someone has discovered your password, change it immediately. Students shall not intentionally seek information on, obtain copies of, or modify files, other data, or passwords belonging to other users.
3. Students shall not
 - (a.) Copy and forward
 - (b.) Copy and download
 - (c.) Copy and upload to the network or Internet server any copyrighted material, without approval by the computer system operator, a teacher, or a school administrator. Copyrighted material is anything written by someone else. It could be an e-mail message, a game, a story, an encyclopedia entry, or software.



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4. All sites containing sexually explicit materials - materials showing male or female nudity - are off-limits to students.
5. Students who violate the Internet use rules set forth in this policy will be subject to the discipline outlined by the school administration.
6. Students shall not infiltrate, or “hack”, outside computing systems or networks. Examples: the release of viruses, worms, or other programs that damage or otherwise harm an outside computing system or network. Students shall not disrupt a system or interfere with another’s ability to use that system (e.g. by sending “e-mail bombs” that cause a disk to fill up, a network to bog down, or a software application to crash). Nor shall students or staff do any of these things to the Colquitt Christian Academy computer system.
7. Students shall not use the school district’s computer network to solicit sales or conduct business (i.e. by posting or advertisement to a news group). Students shall not set up web pages to advertise or sell a service. Students will adhere to Christian principles when using the computers at Colquitt Christian Academy.

As a user of the school’s computer network, I agree to comply with the above stated rules and policies, acting in a reliable fashion while honoring all relevant laws and restrictions.

Student’s Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student’s Birthday: _____

Parental/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Staff Signature: _____ Date: _____

*Appreciation is expressed to the Pacific Union Conference Educational Technology Advisory Committee, and the “School Policy Legal Insider” for information used in this document.