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Internet Use Policy & Contract

Olympia Christian School (OCS) is pleased to offer access to computer networks including the Internet, provided students honor the OCS Acceptable Use Policy. We understand that the Internet is a valuable research and educational tool. However, we also realize that the Internet may offer access to inappropriate material. Therefore, we ask that the student and parent/guardian read carefully each of the conditions below and sign the Internet Use Policy & Contract to indicate a commitment to keeping the letter and spirit of this policy before access is allowed.

Responsibilities

- 1) All use of the system must be in support of education and research and consistent with the mission of OCS. The school reserves the right to prioritize use and access to the system.
- 2) Any use of this system must be in conformity with state and federal laws, network provider policies and licenses, and OCS policies. Use of the system for charitable purposes must be approved in advance by the school administration.
- 3) No use of the system shall serve to disrupt the operation of the system by others: system components, including hardware or software, shall not be destroyed, modified or abused in any way.
- 4) Malicious use of the system to develop programs that harass other users or gain unauthorized access to any computer or computing system and/or damage the components of a computer or computing system is prohibited.
- 5) Users are responsible for the appropriateness and content of material they transmit or publish on the system. Hate mail, harassment, discriminatory remarks, or other antisocial behaviors are expressly prohibited.
- 6) Use of the system to access, store, or distribute obscene or pornographic material is prohibited.
- 7) The student agrees:
 - not to interfere with the function of any computer, network, or the Internet, or cause disruption in any services;
 - not to attempt unauthorized access to systems, networks, data, resources, or programs;
 - to respect the usage guidelines and acceptable use policies of all networks; and
 - to follow all generally accepted rules of network etiquette.
- 8) The student agrees to respect:
 - all intellectual property rights of the owners and licensors of all systems which are part of, or accessed through the Internet and local networks;
 - all laws of the United States of America (federal and state);
 - copyright--the unauthorized installation, use, storage or distribution of copyrighted software or materials on school computers is prohibited; and
 - the secrecy of any confidential, restricted, sensitive, or personal data discovered in using the Internet and local networks and the confidentiality of any information regarding the accounts of other users.
- 9) The student agrees not to use the Internet and local networks for:
 - the acquisition, creation and distribution of any material which is offensive, obscene, harassing, sexist, pornographic, racist, malicious, or slanderous, nor for any activity which may be considered unethical, immoral, or illegal; and
 - any activity the purpose of which is to obtain private commercial gain. (This would be appropriate at home.)
- 10) Without specific permission of a teacher, the student will not subscribe to mailing lists, bulletin boards, news groups, chat groups, online computer games, or any other commercial Internet or local network services.
- 11) Unless authorized by a teacher, the student will not correspond, through the Internet, with unknown persons.

- 12) The student acknowledges that information which is obtained through accessing any system on the Internet and local networks may not be accurate.
- 13) The student understands the use of the Internet and local networks at OCS is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use may result in cancellation of those privileges.
- 14) The student understands that any violation of use policies could result in loss of access, personal payment of any fees incurred, and possible prosecution.

Personal Security

- 1) Personal information such as addresses and telephone numbers should remain confidential when communicating on the system. Students should never reveal such information without permission from their teacher or parent.
- 2) Students should never make appointments to meet people in person that they have contacted on the system without school and parental permission.
- 3) Students should notify their teacher or other adult whenever they come across information or messages that are dangerous, inappropriate, or make them feel uncomfortable.

General Use

- 1) Diligent effort must be made to conserve system resources. For example, users should frequently delete e-mail and unused files.
- 2) No person shall send or forward chain letters. It is standard procedure for school districts to revoke e-mail accounts when this policy is violated.
- 3) No person shall have access to the system without having received appropriate training. A signed Internet Use Policy and Contract must be on file with OCS. Students under 18 are required to have the approval and signature of a parent or legal guardian.
- 4) Nothing in these regulations is intended to preclude the supervised use of the system while under the direction of a teacher or other approved adult acting in conformity with school policy and procedure.

Range of Consequences

The consequences will range from a conference with the classroom teacher to a formal conference with the school administration and could result in loss of access, personal payment of any fees incurred, and possible prosecution. It is a felony crime for any person to use any school computer to access pornographic material.

Agreement

I have read and understand the terms and conditions of this agreement and have accepted them.
 I understand that I have entered into a contract with Olympia Christian School and give OCS the right to enforce this contract.

Printed Name of Student

Printed Name of Parent/ Guardian

Signature of Student
 (Required for grades 3 and higher)

Signature of Parent/ Guardian

Date Signed

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