

Trinity Lutheran School

Acceptable Internet Use Policy

Trinity Lutheran School believes that technology is an important aspect of every student's life. It is Trinity's intent to make internet access available in order to further educational goals and objectives. However, students may find ways to access other material as well. Even though Trinity institutes technical methods or systems to regulate students' internet access, those methods will not guarantee compliance with this agreement. Trinity believes that the benefits to students of access to the internet exceed any disadvantages. Teachers at Trinity will guide students to Christian standards in internet usage.

Unacceptable computer use is defined as, but not limited to:

1. Attempting to gain unauthorized access to system files to corrupt them.
2. Using the system to engage in an illegal act.
3. Accessing material that is profane or obscene or discriminates towards other people.

Students should always conduct themselves as good digital citizens by adhering to the following:

- **Respect Yourself:** I will show respect for myself through my actions. I will select online names that are appropriate. I will use caution with the information, images, and other media that I post online. I will carefully consider what personal information about my life, experiences, or relationships I post. I will not be obscene. I will act with integrity.
- **Protect Yourself:** I will ensure that the information, images, and materials I post online will not put me at risk. I will not publish my personal details, contact details, or a schedule of my activities. I will report any attacks or inappropriate behavior directed at me while online. I will protect passwords, accounts, and resources.
- **Respect Others:** I will show respect to others. I will not use electronic mediums to antagonize, bully, harass, or stalk people. I will show respect for other people in my choice of websites: I will not visit sites that are degrading to others, pornographic, racist, or inappropriate. I will not enter other people's private spaces or areas.
- **Protect Others:** I will protect others by reporting abuse and not forwarding inappropriate materials or communications. I will avoid unacceptable materials and conversations.
- **Respect Intellectual Property:** I will request permission to use copyrighted or otherwise protected materials. I will suitably cite all use of websites, books, media, etc. I will acknowledge all primary sources. I will validate information. I will use and abide by the fair use rules.
- **Protect Intellectual Property:** I will request to use the software and media others produce. I will purchase, license, and register all software or use available free and open source alternatives rather than pirating software. I will purchase my music and media and refrain from distributing these in a manner that violates their licenses.

Resources for parents and families

- Online resources can be found at www.common sense media.org and www.focusonthefamily.com.

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Student:

I understand and will abide by the Acceptable Internet Use Policy. Should I commit any violation, I know that my computer use may be limited or denied, internet privileges revoked, school disciplinary action may be taken, and/or appropriate legal action may be taken.

Student Name (print): _____

Signature

Date

Parent or Guardian:

As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read the Acceptable Internet Use Policy and have reviewed it with the student. I understand that my child's access to the internet is designated for educational purposes. I entrust that Trinity Lutheran School has taken precautions and safeguards to restrict material.

Parent/Guardian Name (print): _____

Signature

Date