
INTERNET POLICY

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As part of Kings Avenue Christian School's commitment to the utilization of new technologies, staff & students have access to the Internet. We believe the Internet offers vast unique and diverse resources and our goal in providing this is to promote educational excellence in our school. Your child may have the opportunity to access and use the Internet as part of his/her schoolwork in the classroom and/or the computer lab. With this opportunity comes great responsibility. Therefore, in order to ensure compliance with the copyright law, and protect us from being victimized by the threat of viruses or hacking into our server, KACS has adopted the following "Acceptable Use Policy" (AUP).

ACCEPTABLE USE

As the Internet becomes a larger part of our culture, we struggle to think of our electronic behavior as important as our verbal or physical behavior. However, like other kinds of behavior, what we do on our computer networks matter a great deal. By signing the attached "consent form", students will be assigned a school account, in which the use must be in support of education and research and consistent with the educational objectives of KACS. Transmission of any material in violation of any national or state regulation is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to: copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material, or material protected by trade secret. Otherwise, the student may be disciplined, suspended or expelled, or charged with a criminal offense. The unacceptable uses listed below are intended to serve as a guide to honoring this agreement.

UNACCEPTABLE USES

Users will NOT use the school computer systems to:

- access, review, upload, download, store, print, post, or distribute pornographic, obscene, or sexually explicit material.
- transmit or receive obscene, abusive, profane, lewd, vulgar, rude, inflammatory, threatening, disrespectful, or sexually explicit language.
- access, review, upload, download, store, print, post, or distribute materials that use language or images that are inappropriate to the educational or Christian setting or disruptive to the educational process and will not post information or materials that could cause damage or danger of disruption.
- access, review, upload, download, store, print, post, or distribute materials that use language or images that advocate violence or discrimination toward others (hate literature) or that may constitute harassment or discrimination.
- knowingly or recklessly post false or defamatory information about a person or organization, or to harass another person, or to engage in personal attacks, including prejudicial or discriminatory attacks.

- engage in any illegal act or violate any local, state, or federal statute or law.
- vandalize, damage or disable the property of another person or organization, will not make deliberate attempts to degrade or disrupt equipment, software, or system performance by spreading computer viruses or by any other means, will not tamper with, modify or change the school's software, hardware or wiring, or take any action to violate the computer's security, and will not use the computers in such a way as to disrupt the use of the system by other users.
- gain unauthorized access to information resources or to access another person's material, information or files without the implied or direct permission of that person.
- post private information about another person or to post personal contact information about themselves or other persons including, but not limited to, addresses, telephone numbers, school address, identification numbers, account numbers, access codes or passwords, and will not repost a message that was sent to the user privately without permission of the person who sent the message.
- attempt to gain unauthorized access to the school computer system or any other system, attempt to log in through another person's account, or use computer accounts, access codes or network identification other than those assigned to the user.
- violate copyright laws, or usage licensing agreements, or otherwise to use another person's property without the person's prior approval or proper citation, including the downloading or exchanging of pirated software/music or copying software/music to or from any school computer, and will not plagiarize works they find on the Internet.
- conduct business, unauthorized commercial purpose or for financial gain unrelated to the mission of the school, or to provide goods or services for product advertisement, or to purchase goods and services for personal use without authorization from the appropriate school official.

If a user inadvertently accesses unacceptable materials or an unacceptable Internet site, the user shall immediately disclose the inadvertent access to an appropriate school official. This disclosure may serve as a defense against an allegation that the user has intentionally violated this policy. The use of the school computer system and access to use the Internet is a privilege, not a right. Depending on the nature and degree of the violation and the number of previous violations, unacceptable use may result in one or more of the following consequences:

1. suspension or cancellations of use/account
2. payments for damages and repairs
3. discipline under other appropriate school policies including suspension, expulsion, or civil or criminal liability under other applicable laws.

POLICY CONSENT FORM

I have read the Internet Policy as established at KACS and understand and agree with its content. By signing below, my parent/guardian and I, both agree to the guidelines outlined in this policy. I also understand use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and any inappropriate use will result in the cancellation of those privileges. I am expected to exercise responsible behavior at all times when using the Internet.

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____