Computer and Internet Acceptable Use Policy
And Student Computer Use Guidelines
Beacon Christian School

Parent Permission Letter

Computer and Internet Use Permission Form

We at Beacon are pleased to offer access to computer use and the Internet for learning and instructional purposes. At this point, computer use will be limited to specific activities and assignments as given by the teachers. Email will be allowed only as it relates to completing those assignments. To gain access to computer and Internet use, all students must obtain parental permission. The User Agreement and Parent Permission form must be signed by the student and a parent then returned to their teacher.

Access to the email and the internet will enable students to explore thousands of libraries, databases, and bulletin boards while exchanging messages with internet users throughout the world. Families should be warned that some material accessible via the Internet might contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate or potentially offensive to some people. Neither are these materials in keeping with the standards set forth by Beacon School. While there is much good to be obtained by the use of these technologies, the possibility exists that students may find ways to access unacceptable materials as well. We believe that the benefits to students from access to the Internet, in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration, exceed the disadvantages. Therefore the following policies have been developed to assist in providing acceptable, uplifting and monitored use of these technologies in education at Beacon. However, parents and guardians of minors are ultimately responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using media and information resources. Therefore, Beacon Christian School will support and respect each family's right to decide whether or not to allow access.

Rules for Computer, Internet, Electronic Messaging and Email use

Students are responsible for good and acceptable behavior, maintaining the Christian values as set forth in the Student Handbook while using the computer network, just as they are in a classroom, hallway or playground. Communication on the network is often public in nature; therefore general school rules for behavior and communication apply.

The network is provided for students to conduct research and enhance learning. Access to the network is given to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. Parental permission is required. Access is a privilege—not a right. Access entails responsibility.

Individual users of the computer network are responsible for their behavior and communications over those networks. It is presumed that users will comply with Beacon standards and will honor the agreement they have signed. Teachers and staff are committed to upholding integrity at all times, and will do all within their means to help encourage and provide a safe and acceptable learning experience for the students.

Network storage areas may be treated like school desks or lockers. Network administrators may review files and communications to maintain system integrity and insure that users are acting responsibly. Users should not expect that files stored on hard drives or servers will always be private.

1.   The student will obtain permission from the teacher before using the computer.
2.   The student will only use the computer to complete assignments given by the teacher. (The computers at school are not for personal use unless permission is granted for such by the teacher)
3.   Only programs that are currently installed or those available from the teacher are to be used. (Under no circumstances are programs and/or disks or CDs from home to be used or installed on the school computers)
4.   The student shall not use/browse the Internet except when given permission by the teacher. Then, use is limited to completing or gathering information for specific assignments. The student shall only visit specific websites as instructed and previously examined by the teacher. Any use of the Internet for reasons other than classwork will not generally be allowed and should be discussed with and approved by the teacher. If a student for some reason finds himself or herself viewing a questionable or inappropriate site he/she is to click the "back" button and then notify the supervisory teacher immediately.
5.   E-mail and other forms of electronic messaging are not allowed unless permission is granted by the teacher for the purpose of completing a specific assignment. Students are not permitted to send, receive, or read e-mail of other forms of electronic messages from their own accounts for other purposes.
6.   Students shall not change settings on any computer for any reason. This includes: background colors, themes, screen savers, display settings, or any thing else that changes the appearance or settings of the computers, monitors or printers
7.   No food or drink of any kind is allowed near the computers whether it is the current user or someone waiting to use the computer.
8.   Any problem with a computer, monitor, printer or programs running on the computer should immediately be reported to the teacher.
9.   All computer and related equipment will be treated with much care at all times.
10. In addition, the following are not permitted:
     -   sending or displaying offensive messages or pictures;
     -   using profane or obscene language;
     -   harassing, insulting or attacking others;
     -   damaging computers, computer systems or networks;
     -   violating copyright laws;
     -   using another person's password;
     -   trespassing in another persons folders, work or files;
     -   intentionally wasting limited resources (such as paper, toner, envelopes, labels, etc);
     -   using the network for commercial purposes.
11. Any violation of these guidelines will result in immediate termination of the student's privilege to use the network and may result in other disciplinary or legal action.

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As a user of the Beacon Christian School computer network, I hereby have read, understand and agree to comply with the above stated rules, using and communicating over the network in a responsible and reliable manner while honoring all relevant laws and restrictions.

Student Signature _____

As the parent or legal guardian of the student signing above, I grant permission for my son or daughter to access the networked computer services such as electronic mail and the Internet. I understand that individuals and families may be held liable for violations. I understand that some materials on the internet may be objectionable, but I accept responsibility for guidance of Internet use, setting and conveying standards for my son or daughter to follow when selecting, sharing or exploring information and media.

Parent Signature _____   Date _____

Name of Student _____   Grade _____

Address _____

Home Telephone _____