

**COVENANT CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**  
*Policy for Acceptable Use of Computers and the Internet*  
**(FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 4-12)**

**Student Agreement and Compliance Form**

Covenant Christian School is pleased to offer access to a computer network. To gain access to this network and the Internet, all students and their parents must agree to the conditions as stated in this document. Please circle your response, sign, and return this form.

***What is possible?***

Access to the Internet will enable the school community to explore thousands of libraries, databases, museums, and other repositories of information and to exchange personal communication with other Internet users around the world. Students (and their parents) should be aware that some material accessible via the Internet may contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate, or offensive.

***What is expected?***

Students are responsible for appropriate behavior on the school computer network. Communications on the network are often public in nature. It is expected that users will comply with school standards and the specific rules set forth below. The use of the network is a privilege, not a right, and may be revoked if abused. The student is personally responsible for his actions in accessing and utilizing the school's computer resources. He is also responsible for maintaining the privacy of his password or access code.

***What are the rules?***

***Privacy***

Network administrators may review communications to maintain system integrity and to insure that students are using the system responsibly. The student is responsible for maintaining the privacy of his password or access code. The student is only allowed to use the user ID and password assigned to him/her.

***Storage Capacity***

Students are expected to remain within allocated disk space and delete e-mail or other material which take up excessive storage space.

***Illegal copying***

Students should never download or install any commercial software, shareware, or freeware onto network drives or disks, unless they have written permission from the Network Administrator. Students should not intrude into other people's files.

***Inappropriate materials or language***

No profane, abusive, or impolite language should be used to communicate nor should materials be accessed which are not in line with the conditions as set forth in the parent/student handbook.

***Please read and sign on the reverse.***

## *User Guidelines*

***These are guidelines to follow to prevent the loss of network privileges:***

1. Do not use a computer to harm other people or their work.
2. Do not damage the computer or the network in any way. Any malicious attempt to harm or destroy school equipment or materials, data of another user of the school's system, or any of the agencies or other networks that are connected to the Internet is prohibited. Deliberate attempts to degrade or disrupt system performance may be viewed as violations of school policy and administrative procedures and, possibly, as criminal activity under applicable state and federal laws. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creating of computer viruses.
3. Do not interfere with the operation of the network by installing illegal software, shareware, or freeware.
4. Do not violate copyright laws.
5. Do not view, send, or display offensive messages or pictures.
6. Do not share your password with another person.
7. Do not waste limited resources such as disk space or printing capacity.
8. Do not use the computer or the network for commercial activities or political lobbying.
9. Do not trespass in another's folders, work, or files.
10. Be prepared to be held accountable for your actions and for the loss of privileges if the "policy for acceptable use" is violated.

### **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

The school shall not be liable for users' inappropriate use of electronic communication resources or violations of copyright restrictions, users' mistakes or negligence, or costs incurred by user. The school shall not be responsible for ensuring the accuracy or usability of any information found on the Internet. The school does not warrant that the functions or services performed by, or that the information or software contained on, the system will meet the system users' requirements or that the system will be uninterrupted or error-free.

### **USER AGREEMENT STATEMENT**

As a user of Covenant Christian School's computer network, I agree to comply with the above stated rules and to use the network in a responsible, constructive manner. I further understand noncompliance with applicable regulations may result in suspension or termination of privileges and other disciplinary action consistent with school policies. Violations of law may result in criminal prosecution as well as disciplinary action by the school.

Student Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

As the legal guardian, I (DO / DO NOT) give permission for the student named above to use the internet at school.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_