



STUDENT COMPUTER AND INTERNET USE

Gilbert Christian High School utilizes laptops and desktops for academic learning purposes and to prepare students for university. The use of technology is an integral part of the education of each student at GCHS. Being a “technology” school offers many exciting opportunities for our students as well as some substantial challenges. The following policies are meant to take advantage of these opportunities while honoring Christ in all we do.

School computers should be considered a public space. This means that any data created or accessed by school computers can be reviewed and will be subject to school scrutiny and policies. Any communication or activities that are of a sensitive nature or that require privacy should be done elsewhere. Data from school computers will be downloaded on a regular basis for the protection of students and to enforce school guidelines and will be reviewed by the school's superintendent and/or other school officials.

Avoiding Software Damage:

GCHS computers come with a standard operating system and software package provided by the school. Original software that becomes corrupted or non-operational due to the downloading of other conflicting software or the installation of conflicting hardware will result in the charging of a fee to students to have the computer reimaged. GCHS is not responsible for any loss of data or software due to the reimaging process. Homework or other projects lost as a result of reimaging will not be excused by teachers.

Students are responsible for backing up their own files. GCHS is not responsible for computer files that are lost or corrupted due to a failure to properly back up school materials.

Pornography:

The administration of GCHS understands that while the Internet holds an incredible amount of educational information, it is also a reservoir of inappropriate material that is destructive and dishonoring to our Lord. All computers will be equipped with filtering software designed to block inappropriate material from the Internet both on and off campus. Tampering with or disabling this software is expressly forbidden. Students and parents must understand that no filtering software is 100% foolproof.

Students will be disciplined for searching for or accessing lewd, sensual, or inappropriate material with school computers. This includes images that have been created or altered to make them inappropriate.

Illegal File Sharing:

Students are expressly forbidden from downloading files or data that avoid copyrights or payment for copyrighted materials including movies, music, or printed material.

Sexual Harassment/Bullying:

Using school computers to harass, demean, or bully other students or non-students in a sexual or non-sexual manner is expressly forbidden.

Communication:

All communication done on school computers is expected to be kind and edifying. Foul language and inappropriate communication will not be tolerated. This includes but is not limited to emails, social networking sites, discussion boards, games, and Blackboard/Angel. Students are not only responsible for their own conversation, but are also responsible for terminating conversations with others who are communicating inappropriately with them if the language or conversation is outside school guidelines. Failure to do so may result in discipline.

Computers will be monitored for cheating. Students who are using their computers to cheat will be subject to school guidelines regarding cheating. Students are not allowed to publicize their home address or phone number on the Internet.

Music:

Music may not be downloaded onto school laptops.

Gaming/Chatting:

Gaming and chatting are not permitted.

Network Integrity:

Students are expected to respect the integrity of school networks by honoring privileges, and abstaining from the unauthorized review, duplication, dissemination, removal, damage, or alteration of files, passwords, computer systems, or programs.

Students may not use each other's accounts.

Vandalism or hacking of school computer systems will result in discipline up to and including expulsion from school. Vandalism is defined by any malicious attempt to alter, harm, or destroy the data of another user. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creation of a virus. Hacking includes, but is not limited to, trying to gain unauthorized access to files or systems.

Security on any computer system is a high priority. If a student becomes aware there is a security problem, he/she must notify the technology office at once. Students are forbidden from demonstrating the problem to others.

Copyright/Plagiarism:

Students are expected to abide by copyright laws and properly cite the intellectual property created by others. Plagiarism is expressly forbidden at GCHS and will result in disciplinary action.



USE OF TECHNOLOGY AGREEMENT

ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY GOVERNING USE OF TECHNOLOGY AND AGREEMENT TO ABIDE BY ITS PROVISIONS

Student's Name: _____
Last First

Grade: _____ Class of: _____

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS, COMPLETE ALL APPLICABLE AREAS, AND RETURN THIS FORM.

I have read Gilbert Christian School's *Student Computer and Internet Use Policy* governing use of GCHS computers. I understand that violations of these provisions may result in disciplinary action.

REQUIRED SIGNATURE

Student Name (please print)

Student's Signature

Date

PARENT OR GUARDIAN:

- As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read Gilbert Christian School's *Student Computer and Internet Use Policy*. I support the *Student Acceptable Use Policy* signed by my student and will encourage my student to respect it.
- I understand that it is impossible for Gilbert Christian Schools to restrict access to all harmful matter and will not hold the school or its employees liable for material accessed or transmitted with school computers.
- I acknowledge that the student named will accept responsibility to take due care to protect GCHS computers from theft, damage, or loss.
- I understand that I am financially responsible for the repair of damage to any computer caused by negligence or abuse.
- I understand that this agreement will remain in effect until my student graduates.

REQUIRED SIGNATURE

Parent or Guardian Name (please print)

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date