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## **Internet Safety and Use Policy**

Isaac Newton Christian Academy is pleased to offer access to the school's computers and computer network for the Internet. This will enable students to use a valuable educational tool, and to explore thousands of libraries, databases, and educational sites to support their academics. Families should be warned that some material accessible via the Internet might contain items that are illegal, inaccurate or potentially offensive. Ultimately, parents and guardians of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using media and information sources.

Throughout your son's or daughter's educational career at Isaac Newton Christian Academy, he/she will be able to use these tools to supplement their overall learning experience. At Isaac Newton Christian Academy, we believe that all knowledge comes from God; therefore, computers and the Internet can be rich sources of information which students can use to explore and understand the world that God created. The purpose of this document is to inform you about the policies that will govern student access to computers and the Internet at school. Please read the following material carefully, discuss it with your child, and sign and return the consent form. Teachers will also discuss general procedures and policies with each student.

It is the policy of Isaac Newton Christian Academy to implement practices to: (a) avoid user access over its computer network to, or transmission of, inappropriate material via the Internet, electronic mail, or other forms of direct electronic communications; (b) prevent unauthorized activity on the school's network and equipment and other unlawful online activity; (c) prevent unauthorized online disclosure, use, or dissemination of personal identification information of minors; and (d) comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act [Pub. L. No. 106-554 and 47 USC 254(h)].

If you have any questions regarding the assignment of a student account, Internet usage or Isaac Newton Christian Academy's policy, please contact Mrs. Richmond through the school office at (319)362-9512.

### **Access to Inappropriate Material**

To the extent practical, technology protection measures (or "Internet filters") shall be used to block or filter Internet or other forms of electronic communications' access to inappropriate information. Specifically, as required by the Children's Internet Protection Act, blocking shall be applied to visual depictions of material deemed obscene, pornography, or material deemed harmful to minors.

## **Inappropriate Network Usage**

To the extent practical, steps shall be taken to promote the safety and security of users of Isaac Newton Christian Academy's online computer network when using digital communication, cloud-based files, and other forms of electronic communications.

Specifically, as required by the Children's Internet Protection Act, prevention of inappropriate network usage includes: (a) unauthorized access, including so-called 'hacking,' and other unlawful activities; and (b) unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors.

## **Education, Supervision and Monitoring**

It shall be the responsibility of all members of Isaac Newton Christian Academy's staff to educate, supervise and monitor appropriate usage of the online computer network and access to the Internet in accordance with this policy, the Children's Internet Protection Act, the Neighborhood Children's Internet Protection Act, and the Protecting Children in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act. Procedure for the disabling or otherwise modifying any technology protection measures shall be the responsibility of the technology coordinator, or designated representatives.

The technology coordinator or designated representatives will provide age-appropriate training for students who use Isaac Newton Christian Academy's Internet facilities and devices. The training provided will be designed to promote Isaac Newton Christian Academy's commitment to:

- a. The standards and acceptable use of Internet services as set forth in the Isaac Newton Christian Academy Internet Safety Policy;
- b. Student safety with regard to:
  - safety on the Internet,
  - appropriate behavior while on online, on social networking web sites, and while on chat capable sites, and
  - cyberbullying awareness and appropriate response.

Terms and Conditions:

- Acceptable Use—Access to the student's assigned account, school's computer equipment, network and Internet must be for the purpose of education or academic related research and must be consistent with the educational objectives of the school.

## **Network Resources and Internet Use Rules**

Network Resources refers to all aspects of the Academy's owned or leased equipment including computers, printers, and other peripherals, as well as email, internet services, servers, and all other technology-related equipment and services.

## **Internet Use and Account Guidelines**

- Each student must receive parental permission in writing before access to the Internet will be granted by school staff.
- Each student will be responsible for the use of their individual account and password.
- Individual student accounts will be disabled if a student has not been re-enrolled in the Academy by the first day of a new school year.
- Access to the Internet at school is provided with hardware and software that belong to Isaac Newton Christian Academy under the direct supervision of a staff member.
- Use of the Internet at school will be limited to school-related academic activities only.

The following rules apply to any use of the Academy's network resources whether this access occurs while on or off campus.

1. Students may not use network or internet resources:

- to create, send, access or download material, which is abusive, hateful, harassing or sexually explicit;
- to download, stream or listen to Internet--based music, video and large image files not required for schoolwork, as this slows the performance of the network for all users. The school will monitor the network for violations;
- to alter, add or delete any files that affect the configuration of a school computer;
- to conduct any illegal activity (this includes adhering to copyright laws);
- to access the data or account of another user (altering files of another user is considered vandalism);
- to install any software onto Academy computers, or to copy Academy school software (copying school owned software programs is considered theft).

2. In addition:

- Students may not give out their home address or phone number to untrusted sources on the Internet (this protects users from becoming potential victims of those with criminal intent);
- Students may not give password(s) to anyone other than a trusted adult and may not use another person's password to gain access to protected areas.
- Students may not post anonymous messages.
- Students may not forward emails commonly known as "SPAM," Unsolicited Commercial Email (UCE), or "junk" email.
- Students may not use the network in such a way that would disrupt the use of the network by other users.
- Students may not engage in plagiarism (copying another's work and then pretending it is your own).
- Students may not violate copyright laws (copying another's work without their permission).
- Students may not download or install any program except as directed by a teacher or administrator.
- Students may not use the Internet for any illegal activity, including the transmission of any material in violation of U.S. or State regulations.
- Students may not use the Internet or the school's network for private financial or commercial gain.
- Students may not use the school's network or the Internet to invade the privacy of others.
- Students may not access, submit, post, publish, or display any defamatory, inaccurate, abusive, obscene, profane, sexually oriented, threatening, racially offensive, harassing, or illegal material.
- Students may not execute any program or extension found via the Internet except as directed or approved by a teacher or administrator.

If a student is aware of a violation of any of these rules, he/she is to notify a teacher immediately.

The school makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. The school will not be responsible for any damages suffered while using the school network. This includes the loss of data resulting from delays, missed-deliveries, or service interruptions. Use of information obtained via the Internet is at the student's risk. The school denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through school equipment.

Network security is a high priority. Students who identify a security problem on the Internet must notify a teacher. Demonstrations of the problem should not be shown to others. Attempts to log-on to the school's network or the Internet as a system administrator will result in cancellation of user privileges.

The use of Isaac Newton Christian Academy's computers and devices is a privilege, not a right. The school reserves the right to monitor and review the content of all computer accounts, browser history

and files. Files and communications may be reviewed in order to keep the network working properly and to ensure that users are handling the system responsibly. Therefore, any violation of appropriate use may result in the student's access privilege being denied, revoked or suspended. Misuse may also subject the student to disciplinary action up to and including suspension and expulsion.

Vandalism will result in cancellation of privileges and other disciplinary action. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy school equipment or data of another user, the Internet, or any other network. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses.

The school assumes no responsibility for any unauthorized charges or fees including telephone charges, long-distance charges, per-minute surcharges, data and/or equipment or line costs.



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## Internet Safety and Use Agreement 2022-2023

### STUDENT AGREEMENT

I have read the above Internet Safety and Use Policy. I understand and agree to follow the guidelines of the school's stated policy. I further understand that any violation of the policy may result in suspension of computer privileges, school suspension, expulsion, appropriate legal action, or other actions deemed appropriate by the school. By signing this policy agreement, I also acknowledge and understand the following:

- I am responsible for practicing positive digital citizenship
- I will practice positive digital citizenship, including appropriate behavior and contributions on websites, social media, discussion forums, media sharing sites, and any other electronic communications, including new technology.
- I will be honest and display integrity in all digital communications.
- I understand that what I do and post online must not disrupt school activities or compromise school safety and security.

Student(s) Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
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### PARENT AGREEMENT

I have read the school's Internet Use Policy. I understand that access is designed for educational purposes and that the school has taken precautions to eliminate controversial material. However, I also recognize it is impossible for the school to restrict access to all controversial and inappropriate materials. I further understand that students, not the school, will bear the responsibility when any policy guidelines are broken. I have discussed the terms of this policy with my child. I give my permission for my child to use the school computers to gain access to the Internet for school-related academic activities, and hereby release the school, its Board members, employees and agents from any claims and damages arising from my child's use, or inability to use the Internet.

Parent Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_