

Internet Contract for Acceptable Online Behavior

2008-09 School Year

Name: _____ Homeroom: _____

*Signatures required on back of form.

Use of the Internet provides great educational benefits to learners. Although Emmanuel Christian School does have in place certain internet filters, some material accessible via the Internet may contain items that are illegal, defamatory, or potentially offensive to some people. Access to the Internet is given as a privilege to learners who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. We require that learners and parents or guardians read, accept, and sign the following rules for acceptable online behavior.

1. Learners are responsible for good behavior on the Internet just as they are in school. General school rules for behavior and communication apply.
2. Network storage areas may be treated like school lockers. Network administrators may review files and communications to maintain system integrity and ensure that users are using the system responsibly. Users should not expect that files will always be private.
3. The following are not permitted
 - a. sending or displaying offensive messages or pictures
 - b. using obscene language, symbols, slang or gestures
 - c. harassing , insulting, or attacking others over any medium
 - d. damaging computers, computer systems, or computer networks either physically or electronically
 - i. virus creation
 - ii spamming
 - iii. spy-ware
 - iv. monitoring programs
 - v. file deletion
 - vi. formatting of hard drives
 - e. violating copyright laws
 - f. using another's password- this is to be kept private by the student and the computer instructor
 - g. trespassing into another's folders, work or files
 - h. employing the network for commercial purposes
 - i. revealing the personal address or phone number of yourself or any other person without permission of the instructor
 - j. downloading, opening, transferring, or installing any program or file that has not been authorized by the instructor
 - k. hacking- for either good or malicious purposes
 - l. music downloads- Legal (iTunes, Music Match, MSN) or Illegal (Limewire)
 - m. Instant messenger- to include AIM, Yahoo- Messenger, MSN Messenger, Windows Messenger, and the like
 - n. Creation or editing of information on social networks such as Xanga,

Myspace, You Tube, Blog spot, or Live Journal is not permitted.

- i. Remember that your actions, activities and language on such sites reflect your lifestyle commitment.
- ii. Transmission or retransmission of profanity or inappropriate material will be handled as your spoken word. This includes all acronyms for profanity.

5. Students are not to access sites on the "Do not Access" list. This list contains sites that are not necessarily vulgar in nature, but do cause problems with the computer as a result of spy-ware or ad-ware programs.

Violations may result in a loss of access to internet and/or computer lab as well as further disciplinary or legal action.

I have read the rules for acceptable on-line behavior, understand the rules, and agree to comply with the above stated rules. Should I violate the rules, I understand that I may lose network and/ or computer lab privileges at my school.

Learner's Signature: _____ Date: _____

As the parent or legal guardian of the minor student signing above, I grant permission for the above learner to access the Internet. I understand that some materials on the Internet may be objectionable, but I accept responsibility for providing guidance to the above learner on Internet use both inside and outside of campus setting, and for conveying standards for the above learner to follow when selecting, sharing, or exploring information and media.

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____