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Technology Acceptable Use Policy

Introduction

Lititz Christian School is rich in technological resources. Some of the resources available to students include access to the internet and networked computer systems. Using these resources, students can explore thousands of online libraries, databases, and other information sources throughout the world.

Our intention is to provide a safe computer access environment in order to further the educational goals and objectives of our school. In this vain, we provide content filtering and firewalls to minimize the possibility of inappropriate web access. We realize, however, that students may find ways to access information that is improper for the school environment. Therefore, the purpose of this document is to clearly state the Lititz Christian School usage expectations and guidelines for hardware and software technology.

Student Expectations for Technology Use

Students are responsible for good behavior when on the Lititz Christian School computer network, just as they are in a classroom or a school hallway. General school rules for behavior apply to technology usage. Likewise, individual users of the Lititz Christian network are responsible for their behavior, actions and communications over the network.

The following actions are considered a violation of the Lititz Christian School Acceptable Use Policy for Technology:

- Sending or displaying offensive messages or images
- Using obscene language
- Downloading or sending hate propaganda, threatening or obscene messages
- Damaging computers, computer systems or computer networks
- Downloading games, programs, large files and images without specific teacher permission
- Using unauthorized web-based e-mail such as G-Mail, Yahoo Mail, etc.
- Using Chat rooms, instant messaging, etc.
- Violating copyright laws
- Accessing or editing another user's folders, work, or files
- Intentionally spreading computer viruses or making changes to system files or software
- Manipulating images in a negative or unbecoming way

Teacher/Staff Expectations for Student Technology Use

Teachers and staff will monitor student use of school hardware and software. Teachers/Staff will report any violation of the Technology Acceptable Use Policy to the school office.

Lititz Christian User Agreement Contract

I have read and fully understand the guidelines of the Lititz Christian School Acceptable Use Policy for Technology. As a user of the computer network, I hereby agree to comply with the Acceptable Use Policy and abide by the rules.

I also realize that violating the school's Acceptable Use Policy may result in a loss of privileges, a report to parents and/or disciplinary action by the school. Damage to physical technology property may result in monetary charges for item replacement.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Grade: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

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