# Christ the King Catholic School Indinanapolis, Indiana eReader Acceptable Use Policy and Agreement Form

#### Introduction

Electronic readers, simply called "eReaders", are digital devices that can store books, periodicals, magazines, and other electronic media. eReaders like Amazon's Kindle, Barnes & Noble's Nook are quickly becoming ubiquitous in our digital culture and they simply cannot be ignored. Christ the King is striving to maintain technological relevance in education, and is providing the opportunity for students to use their own devices in accordance with our eReader Acceptable Use Policy. This opportunity is a **privilege** that requires extra caution and responsibility both on the part of the students and their parents.

#### **eReader Acceptable Use Policy**

The wide variety of hardware and software capabilities of available eReaders makes them challenging to monitor and control in a school environment in contrast with school owned technology assets like computers, etc. Therefore, our eReader Acceptable Use Policy needs to be specific and clear. A student who violates any portion of the eReader Acceptable Use Policy may immediately lose the privilege to use his/her eReader at school for a length of time commensurate with the nature of the violation.

For the purpose of this policy an eReader is defined as a digital device whose **primary** function is to store books, periodicals, magazines, and other print media. A device whose primary function is to communicate, play music or games, but allows electronic books, would not be classified as an eReader under this policy.

Permitted	Prohibited
Kindle, Kindle Touch	iPad & other tablets
Nook	iPod Touch
Sony Reader	iPhone
Kobo eReader, Kobo eReader Touch	Smartphones
Kindle Fire	
Nook Color	

- 1. Student use of a personal eReader requires consent of the student and the parent/guardian by signing an appropriate form indicating that the student and parent/guardian have received, read, understood, and agree to abide by all applicable policies and guidelines. The parent/guardian may withdraw approval at any time.
- 2. All eReaders are to be used only for the reading of school-approved material (books and other print media) and not to be used for other purposes unrelated to curricular goals. *eReaders are not mandatory*. Students may not email or chat using these devices while on school time. The use of games, music, or other

entertainment on the eReader is prohibited on school time, on school property, and at school-sanctioned events. Students who attend aftercare will abide by the AfterCare Policy. At all times of appropriate use, sound must be turned off and any screensavers and background must be appropriate for school.

- 3. Students may not use the device during recess, lunch or passing periods unless recess takes place in the classroom.
- 4. Students may not share or loan their eReader to another student.
- 5. The use of eReaders **during** testing is strictly prohibited. With the classroom teacher's permission, the device may be used **after** the test has been completed.
- 6. The use of the eReader on school property and school-sponsored events carries no right or expectation of privacy. CKS reserves the right to monitor, review, and restrict the use of any personal eReader. The contents of the equipment are subject to review at any time, for any reason.
- 7. All material on the eReader, accessed on school property or during school-sponsored events, must comply with the faith and educational objectives of Christ the King Catholic School.
- 8. All eReaders must have cellular and network capabilities disabled (turned off) while the device is on school property. Students may not access their personal, online subscriber services or use the school's network services or cellular services to download any material.
- 9. The eReader must not be a distraction for the student or others, nor be the source of any classroom disruption.
- 10. Students are responsible for knowing how to properly and effectively use their eReaders. The School cannot provide any means of support for the device, nor should it be a burden to the teacher.
- 11. Students are responsible for securing the device by direction of the teacher while the ereader is not in use. eReaders must be taken home daily and charged at home by the students and may not be left at school overnight.
- 12. The device must be clearly labeled with the student's first and last name.

#### **B.** Fiscal Responsibility

Christ the King Catholic School assumes no responsibility in any circumstance for loss, destruction, damage, theft, or charges made for an electronic reading device. Students will be responsible for locating any lost/stolen items, outside of class time, and for other expenses accrued to their eReader accounts.

## C. Data Responsibility

Christ the King Catholic School assumes no responsibility for any data contained on any personal electronic device.

### D. Misuse of the eReading Device

- 1. Violations of these Guidelines may result in confiscation of the equipment, suspension, and/or termination of the privilege to bring a personal eReader to school.
- 2. Violations may also result in appropriate school disciplinary action, if warranted, up to and including suspension and/or expulsion, and/or legal action.
- 3. Students and parents must be advised that any indication of any criminal activity will be reported to the authorities.