



Technology Acceptable Use Policy Parent and Student Permission Letter Christian County Public Schools

We are pleased to offer students of the Christian County Schools access to the district computer network and technology resources. To gain access to any technology resources, students must obtain parental or legal guardian permission, which must be signed.

Access to technology resources, e-mail, and the Internet will enable students to explore thousands of libraries, databases, and bulletin boards while exchanging messages with Internet users throughout the world. Families should be warned that some material accessible via the Internet might contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate or potentially offensive to some people. While our intent is to make Internet access available to further educational goals and objectives, students may find ways to access other materials as well. We believe that the benefits to students from access to the Internet, in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration, exceed any disadvantages. But 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. To that end, the Christian County Public Schools support and respect each family's right to decide whether or not to apply for access.

District Network Rules

Students are responsible for good behavior on school computer networks just as they are in a classroom or a school hallway. Communications on the network are often public in nature. General school rules for behavior and communications apply.

The network is provided for students to conduct research and communicate with others. Access to network services is given to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. Access is a privilege--not a right. Access entails responsibility.

Individual users of the district computer networks are responsible for their behavior and communications over those networks. It is presumed that users will comply with district standards and will honor the agreements they have signed. Beyond the clarification of such standards, the district is not responsible for restricting, monitoring, or controlling the communications of individuals utilizing the network.

Network storage areas may be treated like school lockers. Network administrators may review files and communications to maintain system integrity and insure that users are using the system responsibly. Users should not expect that files stored on district servers, school servers, and or workstations will always be private.

Google Account: Applications and Tools:

Google Apps Education Edition offers a free (and ad-free) set of customizable tools that enable teachers and students to work together and learn more effectively. The account established is a service provided by Google that allows users to communicate and collaborate effectively in a digital educational environment. Students will use Google for educational purposes. The Google account assigned to your child was created by the school and assigned to your child. No student personal information was collected by Google in creating these accounts. As per school policies, all activities requiring Internet access are supervised by the teacher. The school is in control of which Google services it provides for student use. As part of our Educational technology plan, internet safety is a main component of technology use. Teacher supervision, school filters, and spot checking student accounts will be used to ensure that students' use of digital tools adheres to school policy. Within reason, freedom of speech and access to information will be honored. During school, classroom teachers will guide them toward appropriate materials. Outside of school, families bear the same responsibility for such guidance as they exercise with information sources such as television, telephones, movies, radio and other potentially offensive media.

As outlined in board policy and procedures on curriculum and instruction and Telecommunication Devices (policy No 08.2323 & 09.4261) copies of which are available in school offices, **students will NOT:**

The following are not allowed as outlined in the Board policy no. 08.2323:

- Sending or displaying offensive messages or pictures;
- Using obscene language;
- Harassing, insulting or attacking others;
- Damaging computers, computer systems, or computer networks; Responsibility For Damages:

Individuals shall reimburse the Board for repair or replacement of District property that is lost, stolen, damaged, or vandalized while under their care.

- Violating copyright laws;
- Copying/distributing software owned and licensed to any facility of the Christian County Board of Education;
- Any software installed on your home computer that is licensed to CCBOE will be uninstalled upon termination of employment;
- Using another's password;
- Trespassing in another's folders work files;
- Attempt to use any "hacking tools" that can be used for "computer hacking", as defined in the Kentucky Computer Crime Law, may not be possessed on school property, on any District premise, or run or loaded on any District system.
- Intentionally wasting limited resources;
- Employing the network for commercial purposes;
- Attempting to go to pornography, hate, racial, or other known restricted sites on the Internet;
- Removal or attempted removal of Assets Tags, name plates, or identifiers from technology equipment.

VIOLATIONS MAY RESULT IN A LOSS OF ACCESS AS WELL AS OTHER DISCIPLINARY AND/OR LEGAL ACTION:

User's Name	_____	_____	_____
	<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Middle Initial</i>
User's Address	_____	_____	_____
	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Zip Code</i>
User's Age	_____	Date of Birth _____	Sex _____ Phone Number _____ School _____
If applicable, User's Grade	_____	Homeroom/Classroom _____	

As a user of the Christian County School District's computer network, I hereby agree to comply with the District's Internet and electronic mail rules and to communicate over the network in a responsible manner while abiding by all relevant laws and restrictions. I further understand that violation of the regulations is unethical and may constitute a criminal offense. Should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked and school disciplinary action and/or legal action may be taken.

User's Name (Please print) _____

User's Signature

Date

NOTE: FEDERAL LAW REQUIRES THE DISTRICT TO MONITOR ONLINE ACTIVITIES OF MINORS.

CHRISTIAN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS ARE EDUCATING MINORS ABOUT APPROPRIATE ONLINE BEHAVIOR, INCLUDING INTERACTING WITH OTHER INDIVIDUALS ON SOCIAL NETWORKING WEBSITES AND IN CHAT ROOMS AND CYBERBULLYING AWARENESS AND RESPONSE.