

Shawnee Mission Christian School Policy and Authorization for Computer and Internet Use

At Shawnee Mission Christian School we believe computers are useful to support learning and enhance instruction. Computers allow teacher and students to interact with each other and the world through the use of the school's network and the Internet. It is a general policy that all computers be used in a responsible, efficient, and legal manner. Students are expected to pursue intellectual activities, seek resources, access libraries, and pursue international ministries. We want students to learn how to use the Internet wisely.

In order to assist students in learning appropriate use of the Internet, Shawnee Mission Christian School provides the following safe guards:

- a. The use of a dedicated connection through a Network Server equipped with a filter to our Internet Service Provider.
- b. The computer lab is electronically monitored 24/7 and teachers will be physically supervising students whenever possible.
- c. Students are prohibited from the use of any messaging services and chat rooms.

However, even with the above safeguards in place, it is impossible to provide 100% security from inappropriate sites. The most secure computers are the ones that have no internet access, but that is not a reasonable solution. Consistency and reliability are paramount for SMCS's computer network to serve the school optimally. Students are ultimately responsible to act in a Christian manner and refrain from unacceptable activity.

Users are expected to:

- Respect the privacy of others. (Do not attempt to access someone else's files.)
- Respect the integrity of SMCS's computer systems and networks. (Do not attempt to hack into prohibited areas; do not attempt to bypass any virus protection or firewall.)
- Respect the legal protection provided by copyright and licenses. (Do not copy any of our software; do not install any copies of your software on our computers.)
- Respect the procedures established to manage the use of the system.
- Report any violation of these guidelines to any staff member.

Users may not:

- Send or receive messages or store files that indicate pornography, unethical or illegal solicitations, racism, sexism, or inappropriate language. All of the rules in the SMCS code of conduct, found in the Parent/Student Handbook, apply when on the network.
- Use of the network or its computers for commercial or profit purposes.
- Attempt to access or modify any computer configuration settings.
- Attempt to enter a chat session.
- Install any program, utility, screen saver, or other executable code.

Internet access is a valuable tool for the teacher and the student. There is no limit to the amount of research or information they can gather. Internet access is a great asset to any school; however, it can also cause many problems. SMCS realizes that it cannot safeguard every computer with access to the Internet 100% from areas (web pages, e-mails, etc.) that are offensive in nature. That is why students are reminded that this list is not all-inclusive and any faculty or staff member may determine an activity to be inappropriate activity and terminate the student's access to the activity. Students are expected to act in a Christ-like

manner and use the technology resources solely for school related activities. Students, grades 6-12, and parents must sign their acceptance of this policy before access will be granted.

By signing the consent form below the student and parent/guardian acknowledge that they have read the Shawnee Mission Christian School Authorization for Computer and Internet Use Policy and agree to abide by these restrictions.

Student Section

I have read the Shawnee Mission Christian School Policy and Authorization for Computer and Internet Use and agree with the rules and restrictions stated. I understand that if I violate the rules, my computer access privileges may be terminated and that I may face disciplinary measures.

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Parent/Guardian Section

I have read the Shawnee Mission Christian School Policy and Authorization for Computer and Internet Use and agree with the rules and restrictions stated. I grant permission for my child/children to access the school computer system and Internet. I have discussed this policy with my child/children. I understand that there is unacceptable and controversial material on the Internet that might be accessed despite all the precautions we might take. I understand that my child/children will be held responsible for violation of this policy and may lose access for violations of the policy.

Printed Name: _____ Signature: _____
(Print Clearly Please)

Date: _____