



FAITH ACADEMY

Electronic Resource Acceptable Use Policy

Student's Name: _____

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

Faith Academy strives to provide developmentally appropriate guidance to students as they make use of telecommunications and electronic information resources to conduct research or to further enhance their learning environment. As much as possible, access to Faith Academy information resources will be designed in ways which point students to those which have been reviewed and evaluated prior to use. While students may be able to move beyond those resources to others which have not been evaluated by staff, students are required to follow the guidelines below to ensure proper network and internet activity. Filtering software is in use to block access to visual depictions that are obscene, contain pornography or are harmful to minors, but **no filtering system is capable of blocking 100% of the inappropriate material available on the Internet.**

INTERNET 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 school network is provided for students to conduct school-related research and to complete assignments. Independent access to network services is provided to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. Parent permission is required for minors. Access is a privilege, not a right. Access entails responsibility. During school, teachers of younger students will guide them toward appropriate materials. Outside of school, families bear responsibility for such guidance that they must also exercise with information sources such as television, telephones, movies, radio and other potentially offensive media. **We highly recommend that you use monitoring software such as *UKnowKids*, *MM Guardian*, or *Covenant Eyes* on your child's devices.**

The following is not permitted:

- Sending or displaying offensive messages or pictures
- Misrepresentation of school policies or beliefs through visual or written means
- Using obscene language
- Giving personal information when using the system, such as complete name, address, phone number and identifiable photo without permission from teacher and parent or guardian.
- Harassing, insulting or attacking others
- Damaging computers, computer systems or computer networks
- Violating copyright laws
- Using others' passwords
- Hacking into others' files or computer systems
- Purposely bypassing school network security or internet filtering services
- Intentionally wasting limited bandwidth resources
- Employing the network for commercial purposes, financial gain or fraud
- Participating in social media websites

CONSEQUENCES

- Possible suspension from school.
- Loss of access.
- Law enforcement agencies involved (when applicable).
- Pay to repair or replace equipment damaged due to negligence or malice.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____