Computer/Internet Acceptable Use Policy
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Technology Curriculum Statement of Purpose

The purpose of teaching the use of technology is to prepare students to have the appropriate skills to use it ethically and responsibly and to understand the impact that technology has had on our culture and society. By including this in our curriculum we will enable our students to be better equipped to fulfill the cultural mandate to subdue the earth and have dominion over it.

Technology Curriculum Statement of Philosophy

It is our responsibility to prepare our students to use technology in a responsible and ethical manner, so that they will have the skills that will be required to be Kingdom leaders in the society of the future.

Acceptable Use Policy for use of the Internet, OCCS School Network, OCCS Web Based accounts, and Computer Equipment

1. The Internet is a powerful educational tool, providing world-wide access to many useful resources. Internet access is available to students and teachers at Orange City Christian School. As with all available media information sources, the school, as well as parents, need to exercise discernment in their use. OCCS provides internet security through our internet provider, Premier Communications.

2. Orange City Christian School expects its faculty to blend the use of technology throughout the curriculum and to provide guidance and instruction to students in their use of it. Any technology used by our students and teachers is expected to further educational and personal goals consistent with the mission of the school.

3. The proper use of technology and the educational value to be gained from its use is the joint responsibility of students, parents and staff.

4. Use of the school computers, network and the internet is a privilege for our students, not a right. Before a student may use a computer they are required to seek permission of a staff member as well as be supervised by the same. Unacceptable use by any student will result in losing those privileges. Students are expected to use responsible behavior on the school computer network at all times.

5. Access to computer equipment, school network & internet services at OCCS will be provided to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner and whose parents have given written permission. [*Please see reverse side for student responsibilities and consequences for OCCS network & Internet misuse and equipment misbehavior and misuse.*]

Contract Agreement

After parent(s) and the student have read both the OCCS Computer/Internet Acceptable Use Policy, as well as the Rules for Student Responsible and Respectful Behavior regarding computer use, both must read and sign the attached contract and return the contract to school. Once the contract is turned in to the teacher your student will have access to the internet and network at Orange City Christian School for academic purposes.

LapTop Use
GOALS--RESPONSIBILITY--CONSEQUENCES

Goal: Use of laptops at OCCS will be for the purpose of improving students' computer skills and providing opportunities for enriching classroom curriculum.

Responsible and Respectful Behavior:

Students will:

1. Use laptops only when there is teacher permission and supervision. No exceptions.
2. Use laptops with clean hands. No food or drink while using a laptop.
3. Carry laptop with two hands.
4. Use laptops on the desk, not lap. Open case from center. Wait for instructions from the teacher.
5. Always stay on the assigned task and access only your files.
6. Close laptop case, carry to cart and place in the correct numbered slot. No need to hook up to charger.

Consequences of Computer & Internet Misuse:

 [ex. - mishandling a laptop, using without permission, using without a teacher present, using another student's account, on a site looking at information or a game not teacher approved, using for non-school related assignments or work, unauthorized use of internet/computer before/after school or during a class]

First infraction: Taking away student use of computer for 24 hours. + Detention
Second infraction: Denial of student computer use for 1 week. + Detention
Third infraction: Denial of student computer use for 4 weeks. + Detention

If any laptop behavior causes damage to the laptop the student may be required to pay for any repairs the laptop may need because of the careless handling.

Each case of computer & internet misuse can and will be discussed by the middle school teachers. Not all cases occur on the same level of severity, therefore not all cases will bear the same consequence. Opportunities for redemption may be available to students following discussion by staff members.