

MID VERMONT CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Acceptable Internet Use Policy and Internet Use Agreement

Introduction to the Internet

The Internet is a network of networks that connects computers across the country and around the world. Internet is also a global electronic information engine which is used by educators, businesses, the government, the military, and organizations. The Internet brings a worldwide library of on-line information resources on a seemingly limitless number of topics to anyone connected to it, it is similar to books, magazines, video, CD-ROM, and other information sources. In schools and libraries, the Internet can be used to educate, to inform, and to entertain.

Students use the Internet to participate in distance learning activities, to ask questions of and consult with experts, to communicate with other students and individuals, and to locate material to meet their educational and personal information needs. School library media specialists and teachers have a professional responsibility to work together to help students develop the intellectual skills needed to discriminate among information sources, to identify information appropriate to their age and developmental levels, and to evaluate and use information to meet their educational goals.

Acceptable Use

Internet access is coordinated through a complex association of government agencies, and regional and state networks. In addition, the smooth operation of the network relies upon the proper conduct of the users who must adhere to strict guidelines. These guidelines are provided here so that you are aware of the responsibilities you are about to acquire. In general this requires efficient, ethical, and legal utilization of the network resources. If a student or teacher violates any of these provisions, his or her privilege to access the Internet at school will be terminated and future access could possibly be denied.

The use of the Internet must be in support of education and research and consistent with the educational objectives of MVCS. Use of other organization's networks or computing resources must comply with the rules appropriate for that network. Transmission of any material in violation of any U.S. or state regulation is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to: copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material, or material protected by trade secrets. Use for commercial activities is generally not acceptable. Use for product advertisement or political lobbying is also prohibited.

Social Networks

Social networks, such as FaceBook and MySpace, in the 21st century have gained tremendous popularity and favorable connections to friends and family have been established. Unfortunately, as with any media that has widespread use, misuse occurs. Because this is a very difficult communication media to oversee, our school has determined to block the use of social networks during school operations and allow parents to oversee their children in the use of this Internet communication. If our school or school staff is mentioned in any controversy on the Internet through the use of any the social network engaged by our students, we will take the necessary action to involve parents, school officials and local authorities as necessary to resolve the issues. Students are responsible for improper web postings or harassment done on the Internet. Improper use of sites or communication will result in discipline at school, a meeting with parents, and possible involvement with the local police.

Privileges

The use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in cancellation of those privileges. The teachers will deem what is inappropriate use, in relation to MVCS's educational goals, and their decision is to be sent in writing to the headmaster. Also, a teacher may suspend a student's privileges to use the Internet at any time as required. The administration, faculty, and staff of MVCS may request teachers to deny, revoke, or suspend a specific student's privilege to access the Internet.

Students Have the Right To...

- Examine a broad range of opinions and ideas in the educational process, including the right to locate, use and exchange information and ideas on the Internet.
- Examine and use all information formats, including interactive electronic formats.

- Communicate with other individuals on the Internet without restriction or prior restraint.
- Students are responsible to respect the privacy of other Internet users.
- Students are responsible for the ethical and educational use of their own Internet accounts.

Internet Access

Students may not access inappropriate sites on the Internet. Inappropriate sites consist of addresses which contain offensive language and graphics. Accessing, downloading and sharing information from such sites will result in disciplinary action.

- Students must use appropriate language and display proper respect for other users while using the school's computers.
- Students must consider carefully information they share over the Internet. Passwords, telephone numbers, credit information, or important personal information must never be shared over an open system.

Please Don't...

- Use impolite, abusive, or otherwise objectionable language in either public or private messages.
- Place unlawful information on the Internet.
- Use the Internet illegally in ways that violate federal, state, or local laws or statutes.
- Use the Internet at school for non-school related activities.
- Send messages that are likely to result in the loss of the recipient's work or systems.
- Send chain letters or pyramid chimes to lists or individuals, and any other types of use which would cause congestion of the Internet or otherwise interfere with the work of others.
- Use the Internet for political lobbying.
- Change any computer file that does not belong to the user.
- Send or receive copyrighted materials without permission.
- Knowingly give one's password.
- Use another person's password.
- Use Internet access for sending or retrieving pornographic material, inappropriate text files, or files dangerous to the integrity of the network.
- Circumvent security measures on school or remote computers or networks.
- Attempt to gain access to another's resources, programs, or data.
- Vandalize, which is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy data of another user on the Internet, and includes the uploading or creation of computer viruses.
- Falsify one's identity to others while using the Internet.
- Change any computer files that do not belong to the users. Don't partition the hard drive
- Install games and movies
- Watch movies
- Hack or make unauthorized enhancements to the lab computers and the school networks. (They don't belong to you.)
- Touch registry or use any registry edit tool to change or tweak the settings (Edit registry will cause serious problem)
- Download stuff on the local hard drive
- Change window settings, include start setting
- Write any executable program which could influence the computer running
- Use other people's account or hack administrative account
- Install any hardware components without any permission
- Open the computer case without permission
- Touch instructor's CD binder until you get permission
- Switch computers without permission
- Go to other people's computers on the network
- Delete or mess Window Directory

Net Etiquette

Students and teachers must always use appropriate language and exhibit proper respect for others. Failure to exhibit respect and courtesy to other users will result in loss of the privilege.

Under no circumstances should a student share his password with others. Password theft is considered a violation of a major school rule and will be treated accordingly.

Attempts to gain access to the Internet without permission of the teacher or lab coordinator will result in cancellation of an individual's privilege to access the Internet. Any user identified as a security risk or having a history of problems with other computers an MVCS may be denied access to the Internet.

Vandalism will result in cancellation of privileges.

Computer security is unquestionably important, both in maintaining the security of the school's computers and in ensuring the proper behavior of the school's students (and others who use the network). In this area, not only school policy, but also state and national laws may apply.

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I have read the *Acceptable Internet Use Policy and Internet Use Agreement* and agree to abide by its provisions. I understand that violation of the provisions stated in the policy may result in suspension or revocation of network access and related privileges, and will lead to school disciplinary action.

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Parent or Guardian's Agreement

I have read the *Acceptable Internet Use Policy and Internet Use Agreement*. I will monitor my student's use of the network and his/her use of downloaded materials if and when my child's use is not in a school setting. In addition, I understand that students, not the school, will bear the responsibility when controversial materials are sought out. I give my permission for my students to use the school networks and certify that the information contained on this form is correct.

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