

## Internet Use Policy

Trinity Christian School (TCS) system is providing students with access to the Internet. The Internet will enable students to explore thousands of databases, libraries, and bulletin boards while exchanging information with Internet users throughout the world. Valuable information can be gleaned from the Internet, but families are warned that some material may contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate, or potentially offensive to some people. While the purposes of the school are to use Internet resources for constructive, educational goals, student may find ways to access other materials. TCS believe that the benefits of the Internet far exceed the disadvantages.

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. Therefore, TCS supports and respects each family's right to decide whether or not to grant permission for access. The student and parent or guardian must sign a permission form for Internet use before access is permitted.

Students are responsible for appropriate behavior on the school's computer network, just as they are on the school campus. The following actions are specifically not permitted:

- Accessing, producing, posting, sending, or displaying material that is offensive in nature is prohibited. This includes obscene, discriminating, profane, lewd, vulgar, rude, inflammatory, threatening, disrespectful, or suggestive language or images.
- Engaging in any illegal activities or accessing material advocating illegal acts or violence is not allowed. This includes pornography and hate literature.
- Harassing, insulting or attacking others will not be permitted.
- Attempting to damage computers, computer systems, software, or computer networks is prohibited.
- Plagiarizing or infringing copyrights or works found on the Internet is illegal.
- Intentionally wasting limited resources including disk space and printing supplies is not allowed.
- Employing the network for commercial purposes is illegal.
- Using the system for political lobbying is prohibited.
- Posting personal or private information about oneself or other people on the Internet, such as name, address, and telephone number is not allowed.
- Attempting to gain unauthorized access to the school file servers and restricted network areas is prohibited.
- Downloading files, graphics, software applications, shareware, and freeware without prior approval from supervisory staff is not permitted.
- Accessing chat-rooms, unless assigned by your teacher for a valid educational purpose is not allowed.
- Receiving or sending of email of any kind is strictly prohibited, unless authorized by your teacher for a valid educational purpose.
- NO student will be allowed in the computer lab without a supervising teacher before, during or after school.

Use of the Internet is a privilege NOT a right. Inappropriate use of the Internet, computers, computer systems, computer networks, or software may result in disciplinary or legal action.