

**WEATHERFORD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY
ACCESS TO COMPUTER NETWORK SYSTEM**

GENERAL ACCESS

Access to Weatherford Christian School's computer network system (LAN's and WAN's), including the Internet, shall be made available to students, employees, volunteers, and community members exclusively for instructional and administrative purposes.

Access to Weatherford Christian School's computer network system is a privilege, not a right. Students utilizing the computer network system must first have the permission of a parent or guardian and must be supervised by a member of the Weatherford Christian School professional staff or an assigned adult volunteer. *No students shall be given access without written consent of their parent or guardian.*

All users shall be required to acknowledge in writing the receipt and understanding of the acceptable use of the computer network system. All users utilizing the computer network system are responsible for good behavior on-line just as they are in a classroom or other area of the school. Noncompliance with acceptable use may result in suspension or termination of privileges and other disciplinary action consistent with school policies. Violations of law may result in criminal prosecution as well as disciplinary action by the school.

Weatherford Christian School will cooperate fully with local, state, or federal officials in any investigation concerning or relating to misuse of the school's computer network systems.

PRIVACY/CONFIDENTIALITY

Users should have no expectation of privacy or confidentiality in the content of electronic communications or other computer files sent and received on the school computer network or stored in his/her directory. All data residing on the school's equipment is the property of Weatherford Christian School. The school's professional staff, may at any time, review the subject, content, and appropriateness of electronic communications or other computer files. Any violations of school policy, rules, or acceptable use will be reported to school administrators and data may be removed if warranted.

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Weatherford Christian School's computer network system is connected to the Internet and as such, users may have access to information ranging from different cultures, science-related issues, music, politics, and many university library catalogs. These are just some of the areas users may be able to explore through the computer network. The school will provide filtering software to help filter objectionable material on the Internet. However, it is impossible to restrict access to all information and the school is not responsible for materials acquired on the network. In addition, the school will not be responsible for ensuring the accuracy or usability of any information found on the Internet.

Also, Weatherford Christian School shall not be held liable for users' inappropriate use of electronic communication or violations of copyright restrictions, users' mistakes, negligence, or costs incurred by users.

ACCEPTABLE USE

Weatherford Christian School's computer network system will be used only for administrative and educational purposes consistent with the school's mission and goals. Commercial use of the school's computer network system is strictly prohibited.

Copyrighted software or data may not be placed or installed on any system connected to the school's computer network without permission from the holder of the copyright. Only the owner(s) or individuals the owner specifically authorized in writing may upload or install copyrighted material to the system. A copy of all software and licensing information will be kept in inventory. Any software found on the systems not in inventory will be removed and reported to school administrators.

ON-LINE CONDUCT

1. The network account holder is responsible for **ALL** activity within their account.
2. The system may not be used for illegal purposes or in support of illegal purposes.
3. Users who are assigned a specific network account should only use that account.
4. Never share passwords or accounts with the exception of the generic accounts used in the computer lab.
5. Users should not intentionally seek information on, obtain copies of, or modify files, other data, or passwords belonging to other users.
6. Users are expected to be polite to other network users.
7. Users are expected to use appropriate language at all times; swearing, vulgarity, ethnic or racial slurs, and any other inflammatory language are strictly prohibited.
8. Users pretending to be someone else when sending or receiving messages is strictly prohibited.
9. Transmitting obscene or offensive messages, pictures or materials is strictly prohibited.
10. Use of IRC/"Chat" services is prohibited unless specifically regulated by a teacher as part of a learning project.
11. STUDENTS are prohibited from revealing identifying information about themselves or other students and staff. Identifying information includes last names, addresses, phone numbers, pictures, etc. STUDENTS shall identify themselves by their first name only.

All accounts can be monitored and are not to be considered private. Weatherford Christian School shall be authorized to monitor or examine all system activities, including electronic mail transmissions, as deemed appropriate to ensure proper use of the system.

Any user identified as a security risk or having violated guidelines, policies, or rules may be denied access to the computer network system.

VANDALISM

Any malicious attempt to deface, harm or destroy Weatherford Christian School equipment, materials, data of another user, or other networks connected through the

Internet is strictly prohibited. Any attempt to degrade or disrupt system performance is a direct violation of policy and could possibly be considered a criminal activity under applicable state and federal laws. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creating of computer viruses, email bombs, denial of service attacks, etc.

Vandalism as described above will result in cancellation of system use privileges and will be subject to restitution for costs associated with system restoration, hardware, or software costs.

TERMINATION OF SYSTEM ACCESS

Weatherford Christian School may suspend or revoke a user's access upon violation of acceptable use. Termination of an account for the violation of acceptable use may extend for a period of one year.

DISCLAIMER

Weatherford Christian School's computer network system is provided on an "as is, as available" basis. The school does not guarantee that the systems will be uninterrupted or error-free or that all defects will be corrected.

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ACCESS AGREEMENT**

STUDENT AGREEMENT

Name _____ Grade _____

I have read and understand the Weatherford Christian School Acceptable Use Policy regarding access to the computer network system. I agree to abide by the provisions in the policy and I understand that any violation of these provisions could result in disciplinary action including complete revocation of system access.

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN AGREEMENT

I have read and understand the Weatherford Christian School Acceptable Use Policy regarding access to the computer network system. In consideration for the privilege of using the school's computer network system, I hereby release Weatherford Christian School, its operators, and any institutions with which they are affiliated from any and all claims and damages of any nature arising from my child's use of, or inability to use, the system.

I give permission for my child to use Weatherford Christian School's Computer Network System and certify that the information contained on this form is correct.

I do not give permission for my child to use Weatherford Christian School's Computer Network System.

Signature of parent or guardian _____

Home Address _____

Date _____ Home Phone Number _____