

APPENDIX E:

VERNON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
INTERNET USE POLICY

Students using technology provided by the school are to display a responsible for appropriate use of and behavior associated with that technology. The school has adopted the following thematic statement regarding all aspects computer education at VCS.

THEMATIC STATEMENT: COMPUTERS

Educating students to be computer literate in a technologically-based society requires them to discern the difference between being in the world, not of the world - knowing that God does not change in their changing environment. As stated in Romans 12:1-2:

*“Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world,
but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.
Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is --
His good, pleasing, and perfect will.”*

The technological demands of today reflect our ever-changing society. At Vernon Christian School we therefore emphasize that computer technology is a tool, not the focal point of our lives.

Our responsibility is to serve God who is eternal and unchanging. It is therefore necessary for students to exercise discerning capabilities in order to understand God’s world and be equipped with the necessary knowledge and skills to function in a technological society.

“Jesus is the same yesterday and today and forever”.
Hebrews 13:8

All parents and students are asked to sign the Agreement Contract on the next page and return it to the school as soon as possible. Students who have not signed the agreement will not be given Internet privileges. Students disregarding the guidelines listed below may lose their Internet privileges and face additional disciplinary measures as well.

Agreement Contract

Access to use of the Internet is to be regarded a privilege and not a right. The incredible resources of the Internet are provided so that students may utilize it as a research tool to enhance their educational experience while at VCS. To ensure proper respect and instill accountability all students are asked to sign the following contract.

1. I will not use the Internet outside to class time with out proper teacher supervision.
2. I will tell my teacher if I come across any material that concerns me or makes me feel uncomfortable.
3. I will not use the Internet to search for or transmit information that is inappropriate, disrespectful or harmful to others.
4. I will not use any Internet chat lines or join any on line clubs.
5. I will not give out any personal information i.e. Photo, home address, phone number, or other information with out my teachers consent.
6. I will not use the Internet for personal advertising or other personal gain.
7. I will not use the Internet to copy, knowingly or unknowingly, another student's files.
8. I will use the phrase "What would Jesus do?" as a guideline to help me discern positive choices on the Internet.

Please sign the Consent Form to indicate that you have read the Vernon Christian School Internet Guidelines with your child(ren) Grade 4 - 12 and agree to support and abide by them.