



NORTHPOINTE CHRISTIAN MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES 2011-2012

The school's information technology resources, including Internet access, are provided for educational purposes. NPC expects students to apply Biblical principles of discernment and integrity to their use of technology and to follow the rules set forth in the student handbook. Adherence to the following policy is necessary for continued access to the school's technological resources. Access is a privilege - not a right.

Students must:

1. Respect and protect the privacy of others.
 - Use only assigned accounts.
 - Not view, use, or copy passwords, data, or networks to which they are not authorized.
 - Not distribute private information about others or themselves.
2. Respect and protect the integrity, availability, and security of all electronic resources.
 - Report security risks or violations to a teacher or network administrator.
 - Not provide their password to another person or attempt to access another person's account.
 - Not attempt to access any restricted NPC systems or software such as school management software, grading systems, financial records, etc.
 - Not attempt to access Web sites blocked by NPC policy, including the use of proxy services, software, or Web sites.
 - Not install, upload, or download software without permission from the NPC technology department.
 - Not destroy or damage data, networks, or other resources that do not belong to them.
 - Conserve, protect, and share these resources with other students and Internet users.
3. Respect and protect the intellectual property of others.
 - Not infringe copyrights (including not making illegal copies of music, games, or movies).
 - Not plagiarize.
4. Respect and practice the principles of community.
 - Communicate only in ways that are kind and respectful.
 - Report threatening or discomfoting materials to a teacher.
 - Not intentionally access, transmit, copy, or create material that violates NPC's code of conduct, such as messages that are pornographic, threatening, rude, discriminatory, or harassing.
 - Not intentionally access, transmit, copy, or create material that is illegal, such as obscenity, stolen materials, or illegal copies of copyrighted works.
 - Not use the resources to further other acts that are criminal or violate NPC's code of conduct.
 - Not send spam, chain letters, or other mass unsolicited mailings.
 - Not buy, sell, advertise, or otherwise conduct business, unless approved as a school project.

Consequences for Violation: Violations of these rules may result in disciplinary action, including the loss of a student's privileges to use NPC's information technology resources.

Supervision and Monitoring. Files stored on the network are treated in the same manner as other school storage areas, such as lockers. Routine maintenance and monitoring may lead to discovery that a student has violated school policy or the law. Students should not expect that files stored on NPC servers are private. Administrators reserve the right to examine, use, and disclose any data found on the school's information networks in order to further the health, safety, discipline, or security of any student or other person, or to protect property. They may also use this information in disciplinary actions, and will furnish evidence of crime to law enforcement agencies.

Filtering. Filtering software is used to block or filter access to visual depictions that are obscene and all child pornography in accordance with the Children's Internet Protections Act (CIPA). Every attempt will be made to block other objectionable material as well. Students may not attempt to bypass the filter to access blocked content.



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Please sign both sections below and return to the office at NorthPointe Christian School. Students may not use NPC technology without this signed agreement on file at NPC. Keep the policy rules and procedures page for your records.

Student Section

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

I have read the NPC Student Acceptable Use Policy Rules and Procedures document. I agree to follow the rules contained in this policy. I understand that if I violate the rules, my access can be terminated, and I may face other disciplinary measures.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

NAME: _____
GRADE/TEACHER: _____

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Parent/Guardian Section

I have read the NPC Student Acceptable Use Policy Rules and Procedures document.

I hereby release NPC, its personnel, and any institutions with which it is affiliated, from any and all claims and damages of any nature arising from my child's use of, or inability to use, the electronic network. This includes, but is not limited to, claims that may arise from the unauthorized use of the network components.

I give permission for my child to access all components of the NPC electronic network, which includes Internet access, computer services, computer equipment and related equipment for educational purposes.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____