

Calvary Schools of Holland

Student Technology Agreement

Policy Rationale:

Calvary Schools of Holland exists to “train servant leaders and build Christian character in the context of a quality education.” The school board believes that the provision of the Internet in our school supports the mission of the school. However the nature of the technology also necessitates the creation and implementation of protective policy and materials to assure the safety of staff and students. It is with this in mind that the “Technology Agreement” was drafted.

Technology Philosophy Statement:

Computer technology and the Internet are available to students at Calvary Schools of Holland for the support of classroom activities. Every effort must be made to assure the use of technology is in keeping with the scriptural guidelines regarding stewardship of our minds (Philippians 4:8) and resources and supporting the school mission. Technology and specifically the Internet offer vast, diverse, and unique resources to students. Calvary’s goal for its technology is to promote our school mission by facilitating research, resource sharing, innovation, and communication. Personal technology is welcome, but must be used in accordance with the guidelines forwarded in this policy.

Information about the network:

Technology and the Internet provide access to computers, institutions and people all over the world. With this also comes the availability of material that may not be considered to be of educational value in the context of the school setting. Calvary Schools of Holland has taken precautions to restrict access to controversial materials. **The network also includes a supervisory program that allows network administrators to view active online and offline activity as well as network and browsing history.**

However, on a global network it is impossible to control all materials and an industrious user may discover controversial information. The Calvary School Board firmly believes that the value of information and interaction available through technology out-weigh the possibility that users may procure material that is not consistent with the educational goals of the school provided the appropriate guidelines and safeguards are in place.

These guidelines are provided here so that users are aware of his or her responsibilities. In general this requires efficient, ethical and legal utilization of technology and network resources. If a user violates any of these provisions, his or her account will be terminated and future access could possibly be denied, and other disciplinary action could follow, up to and including immediate dismissal.

The signature(s) at the end of this document indicate(s) the party (parties) who signed has (have) read the terms and conditions carefully and understand(s) their significance.

Terms and Conditions of Use

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1) Acceptable Use

- Technology is purchased and maintained to serve the mission of the school as it relates to the learning and growth of students. The use of this technology must adhere to this basic idea.
- Personal technology brought by the student to Calvary's campus must also comply with legal and ethical expectations.
- Personal computers or other technology are not to be used in conjunction with Calvary's network unless approved by Calvary's administration and Technology Director.
- The purpose of the backbone networks making up the Internet is to support research and education in and among academic institutions by providing access to unique resources and the opportunity for collaborative work.
- The use of Internet access must be in support of education and research and consistent with scriptural implications regarding our mind (Philippians 4:8), the educational objectives, as well as the mission of Calvary Schools of Holland.
- Use of other organization's network or computing resources must comply with the rules appropriate for that network.
- Information saved on the Calvary network is considered to be property of Calvary and can be observed by the system administrators. (This includes information stored on school-provided online services.) Additionally, information transmitted over the Calvary network may be viewed by system administrators.

2) Activities prohibited for ALL student users during school hours

- Transmission* of any material in violation of any national or state regulation is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to: copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material, or material protected by trade secret(s)
- Transmission of any material that is explicitly violent or sexual or in any way pornographic in nature
- Exposure of another person to threatening or obscene material
- Transmission of material for gaming purposes
- Transmission of the personal information of another party
- The purposeful transmission of harmful software (e.g. viruses)
- The purposeful transmission of software to inhibit the operation of protective measures
- Any activities to purposefully circumvent established protective measures
- Plagiarism, or using Internet resources to inappropriately complete assignments
- The divulging of any person's account username or password
- Accessing another person's private account
- Any "hacking" activities **

***Transmission** is intended to mean downloading or uploading- receiving or sending - through any electronic/technological means.

****Hacking** is defined as deliberately gaining unauthorized access to computer/network systems for any reason.

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Please note that some of the above activities, including many "hacking" activities, are illegal in the State of Michigan and/or under U.S. federal law. Additionally, in the the State of Michigan it is illegal to access *any* network for any reason without permission. **Engaging in ANY of these activities may result in criminal investigation by law enforcement!**

3) Activities allowed for students *only* with teacher permission or when outside regular school hours

- Personal communication
- Any type of purchasing or selling
- Any personal entertainment (e.g. downloading/viewing movies, online games)
- Time wasting activity
- Updating personal/social websites or profiles
- Gaming of any kind

4) **Privileges** - The use of the technology is a privilege, and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges. The system administrators will deem what is inappropriate use and their decision is final. Also, the system administrators may close an account at any time as required. The administration, faculty, staff, and parents may request the system administrator to deny, revoke, or suspend specific user accounts.

5) **Network Etiquette** - Users are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Be polite. Refrain from hostile, demeaning or otherwise abusive communication.
- Illegal activities are strictly forbidden.
- Do not reveal personal address or phone numbers of students or colleagues.
- Note that electronic mail (e-mail) is not guaranteed to be private. People who operate the system do have access to all mail. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities may be reported to the authorities.
- Do not use the network in such a way that would disrupt the use of the network by other users.
- All communications and information accessible via the network should be assumed to be private properly.

6) **Risks** - Calvary Schools of Holland makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. The school will not be responsible for any damages suffer by users. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, mistake deliveries, or service interruptions caused by its own negligence or user errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at the user's own risk. Calvary specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through the Internet.

7) **Security** - Security on any computer system is a high priority, especially when the system involves many users. Users who have knowledge of security issues must notify a teacher or administrator. Do not demonstrate the problem to other users. Attempts to logon to the Internet as a teacher or administrator will result in cancellation of user privileges. Any user identified as a

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security risk or having a history of problems with other computer systems may be denied access to Internet.

8) **Vandalism** - Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy data of another user, Internet, or any of the above listed agencies or other networks that are connected to any of the Internet backbones. This includes, but not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses. Vandalism will result in cancellation of privileges and the necessary compensation to replace, recuperate or restore damaged technology. **This activity may also result in criminal investigation by law enforcement.**

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I understand and will abide by the above Technology Agreement. I further understand that any violation of the regulations above is unethical and may constitute a criminal offense. Should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked, school disciplinary action may be taken, and/or appropriate legal action.

User's Full Name: _____

User Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent or Guardian

As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read the Internet Use Agreement. I understand that this access is designed for educational purposes. Calvary Schools of Holland has taken precautions to eliminate controversial material. However, I also recognize it is impossible to restrict access to all controversial materials and I will not hold them responsible for materials acquired on the network. I hereby give permission to issue an account for my child and certify that the information contained on this form is correct.

Parent or Guardian's Name (please print): _____

Parent or Guardian's Signature: _____

The current *CSH Technology Agreement* document may be downloaded from the school's web site, www.calvaryschoolsholland.org.

NOTE: Only this page needs to be returned to the school.