Acceptable Use Policy

St. Petersburg Christian School provides students with Internet and computer access to enhance, enrich, and facilitate learning and communication. As we "equip students to fulfill God's plan for their lives," we hope this Acceptable Use Policy outlines how technology can be used in positive and honorable ways.

Technology Education

In order to assist students in the use of technology resources, the school will do everything it can to ensure that students access the resources appropriately. This includes providing:

- an Internet connection that is protected by filtering software. Filtering blocks most sites that are objectionable for content, language, or a variety of other things that the school has defined as inappropriate, such as releasing personal information.
- an additional layer of protection. Securly web filtering, wellness monitoring, classroom management, and AI transparency is deployed for students in Grades 6-8.
- a password protected school Google Apps account for students. While Google Apps is web-based and accessible via the Internet from home or school, students agree to use this account for school purposes only. Google accounts will be deleted when the student leaves St. Petersburg Christian School.
- training for students that clearly defines appropriate and inappropriate technology use. Students receive instruction in conducting online research via the Web and other online sources and taught to manage the information found. Expectations are clearly defined and students will be aware of what constitutes a violation.

Technology Ethics

Technology access for students is a privilege not a right. Items included in the Acceptable Use Policy are communicated to students at the beginning of each school year during Computer Class and, as needed, reiterated during the year. St. Petersburg Christian School expects students to make honorable choices in the following areas:

- Using the network for illegal or non-permitted activities.
- Using the network for accessing any inappropriate sites.
- Degrading or disrupting the equipment, settings, or system performance. This includes physical care for the computer in not having food, drink, or candy in the immediate vicinity of the computer.

- Accessing or vandalizing the data of another user, or using the login of another user – with or without that user's permission. This includes invading the privacy of individuals by reading mail that belongs to others without their permission.
- Giving access to login and password to another student. You must protect your password or you may be liable for loss of privileges even if your account was violated by another student.
- Attempting unauthorized access to resources, including any action to get around the filter installed on a computer with Internet access.
- Posting personal communications without the author's consent or posting information containing information not meant to be made public.
- Posting inappropriate messages on St. Petersburg Christian computers or the Internet. This includes comments that could be considered defamatory against St. Petersburg Christian, its students, or its staff.
- Disclosing personal information to websites or people through the Internet unless deemed necessary for educational purposes.
- Inappropriate use of resources resulting in plagiarism.
- Violating the spirit of the St. Petersburg Christian Mission Statement.
- Understanding the user is held responsible for his/her actions when using the Internet, the network, and any action done under his/her login name.

Violations

Violations may result in the following consequences:

1. Discussion about incident with student(s) involved.
2. Adjustment to computer privileges.
3. Changing filtering options to be more restrictive.
4. If any violation results in damage the device, the family is responsible to pay full replacement value for the damaged items.
5. Detention, suspension, expulsion, and/or legal prosecution depending on the severity of the infraction(s).