



INTERNET USE CONTRACT
2019 - 2020

Student Name _____ Date _____

Cornerstone Christian School offers internet access for student use. This document contains the Use Policy for student use of the school's system. The school internet system has been established for a limited educational purpose. The term "educational purpose" includes classroom activities, career development, and limited high-quality self-discovery activities. CCS has the right to place reasonable restrictions on the material that students access or post through the system. Students are expected to follow the rules set forth in the Student Handbook. All students will have access to the internet while on campus.

Parents and Students: Please read and initial each category.
Complete the reverse side and sign.
Thank you.

Personal Safety: You will not post personal contact information about yourself or other people. Personal contact information includes your address, telephone, school address, work address, etc. You will not agree to meet with someone you have met online. You will promptly disclose to your teacher or other school employee any message you receive that is inappropriate or makes you feel uncomfortable.

Parent initials _____ **Student initials** _____

Illegal Activities: You will not attempt to gain unauthorized access to the system or to any other computer system through the system or go beyond your authorized access. This includes attempting to log in through another person's account or access another person's file. These actions are illegal, even if only for the purpose of "browsing." You will not make deliberate attempts to disrupt the computer system or destroy data by spreading computer viruses or by any other means. These actions are illegal. You will not use the system to engage in any other illegal act, such as arranging for a drug sale or the purchase of alcohol, engaging in criminal gang activity, threatening the safety of others, etc. You will not use the system for commercial purposes. This means you may not offer, provide, or purchase, products or services through the system. You will not use the system for political lobbying. You may use the system to communicate with elected representatives and to express your opinion on political issues.

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System Security: You will immediately notify a teacher or the system administrator if you have identified a possible security problem. Do not search for security problems because it may be construed as an illegal attempt to gain access. You will avoid the inadvertent spread of computer viruses by following the school virus protection procedures when downloading software.

Parent initials _____ **Student initials** _____

Inappropriate Language: Restrictions against inappropriate language apply to public messages, private messages and material posted on web pages. You will not use obscene, profane, lewd, vulgar, rude, inflammatory, threatening, or disrespectful language. You will not post information that could cause damage or a danger of disruption. You will not engage in personal attacks, including prejudicial or discriminatory attacks. You will not knowingly or recklessly post false or defamatory information about a person or organization. You will not harass another person. Harassment is persistently acting in a manner that distresses or annoys another person. If you are told by a person to stop sending them messages, you must stop. **Parent initials** _____ **Student initials** _____

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Respecting Resource Limits: You will use the system only for educational and career development activities. If you must download a file, you will download the file at a time when the system is not being heavily used and immediately remove the file from the system computer to your personal computer. Teacher approval is required to download all files. You will not post chain letters or engage in "Spamming." Spamming is sending an annoying or unnecessary message to a large number of people. You will subscribe only to high quality discussion group mail lists that are relevant to your education or career development. **Parent initials _____ Student initials _____**

Plagiarism and Copyright Infringement: You will not plagiarize work that you find on the internet. Plagiarism is taking the ideas or writing of others and presenting them as if they were yours. You will respect the rights of copyright owners. Copyright infringement occurs when you inappropriately reproduce a work that is protected by a copyright. If a work contains language that specifies appropriate use of that work, you should follow the expressed requirements. If you are unsure whether or not you can use a work, you should request written permission from the copyright owner. Copyright law can be very confusing. If you have questions, ask a teacher.

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Inappropriate Access to Material: You will not use the school's system to access material that is profane or obscene, that advocates illegal acts, or that advocates violence or discrimination towards other people (hate literature). If you mistakenly access inappropriate information, you should immediately tell your teacher or another school employee. This will protect you against a claim that you have intentionally violated this policy. Your parents should instruct you if there is additional material that they think would be appropriate for you to access. The school fully expects that you will follow your parents instruction in this matter. **Parent initials _____ Student initials _____**

Your Rights Using the School System: Your right to free speech as set forth in the school disciplinary code applies also to your communication on the internet. The school's system is considered a limited forum, similar to the school newspaper, and therefore the school may restrict your speech for valid educational reasons. You should expect only limited privacy in the content of your personal work on the school system. Routine maintenance and monitoring of the system may lead to discovery that you have violated this policy, the school's policies, or the law. The investigation will be reasonable and related to the suspected violation. Your parents have the right at any time to request to see the contents of your work. **Parent initials _____ Student initials _____**

Due Process: The school will cooperate fully with local, state or federal officials in any investigations related to any illegal activities conducted through the school's system. In the event there is a claim that you have violated this policy, school policies, or the law in your use of the system, you will be provided with a written notice of the suspected violation and an opportunity to present an explanation before a site administrator. In addition to restrictions or elimination of your use on the school's system, other disciplinary consequences may also be applied.

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Limitation of Liability: The school makes no guarantee that the functions or the services provided by or through the school system will be error-free or without defect. The school will not be responsible for any damage you may suffer, including but not limited to, loss of data or interruptions of service. The school is not responsible for the accuracy or quality of the information obtained through or stored on the system. The school will not be responsible for the financial obligations arising through the unauthorized use of the system. **Parent initials _____ Student initials _____**