



INTERNET USE POLICY

Introduction

Wesleyan Academy (WA) is a Christian, college preparatory school. Our main goal and objective is to bring honor and glory to the King. We believe God created us in His image and for this reason He endowed us with creativity and the intelligence to invent concepts and machines. These gifts from Him have enabled us as a race to develop the communication technology that is available now for our use. This technology should be used to bring glory to His name.

Use of the Internet provides great educational benefits to students. Unfortunately, some material accessible via the Internet may contain items that are illegal, defamatory, or potentially offensive to some people. In-school access to the Internet is given as a privilege to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. We require that students or guardians read, accept, and sign the following rules for acceptable online behavior.

Guidelines:

1. Students are responsible for good behavior on the Internet just as when they are in school. General school rules for behavior and communications apply while online.
2. Network storage areas may be treated like school lockers. Network administrators may review files and communications to maintain system integrity and ensure that users are using the system responsibly. Users should not expect that electronic files are always private.
3. A teacher may approve the use of the internet during class for research/academic purposes.
4. Use of the Internet will not be to conduct personal affairs.
5. Use of the Internet will be limited to those sites WA deems appropriate.
6. Use of the Internet will be under the supervision of a qualified, trained teacher.
7. The following are not permitted:
 - a. Sending or displaying offensive messages or pictures
 - b. Using obscene language
 - c. Harassing, insulting, attacking or making fun of others
 - d. Damaging computers, computer systems, or computer networks
 - e. Violating copyright laws
 - f. Using another's password
 - g. Trespassing in another's folders, work, or files
 - h. Intentionally wasting limited resources, including through the use of "chain letters" and messages broadcasted to mailing lists or individuals
 - i. Using the school network for commercial purposes
 - j. Revealing the personal address or phone number of yourself or any other person without permission from your teacher
8. Violation of these rules and those contained in WA's Student Handbook will result in the following consequences depending on the nature of the violation:
 - a. Loss of access as well as other disciplinary or legal actions
 - b. Detention
 - c. Suspension
 - d. Expulsion

Note: This policy is currently under revision.