

Calvary Christian Academy

Technology Acceptable Use Policy



Calvary Christian Academy's Technology Acceptable Use Policy

Student use of technology must be in accord with the mission and philosophy of Calvary Christian Academy. School employees will take reasonable steps to ensure that student use of technology and information access through technology (such as the internet) is consistent with this mission. However, ultimate responsibility for their action rests solely with the student. The student must adhere to the Acceptable Use Guidelines as described below. Violation of Technology Acceptable Use Guidelines will result in the loss of privileges and disciplinary action under our school discipline code.

Technology as described in this document refers to, but is not limited to, both personal and school owned laptop and desktop computers, SMART Boards, smart phones and cell phones, iPads and tablet PC's, e-readers such as the Kindle, Kindle Fire, and Nook, as well as the iPod, iPod Touch and similar mp3 players, digital cameras and video recorders.

CCA's Technology Acceptable Use Guidelines:

1. CCA is not liable for personally owned technology that is lost, stolen or damaged. CCA will not reimburse for lost or stolen technology. Nor will CCA be able to fix or troubleshoot damaged technology. Technology that is brought into CCA is solely the responsibility of the student and his parents.
2. Students will reimburse the school for any damage to computers, laptops, or any other equipment that occurs as a result of malicious or negligent actions. The school or its designee will carry out repair or replacement of equipment.
3. Students may not go online via the school internet or their own wireless data plan without the consent of a teacher. Students may not go online at CCA for personal reasons. School use of technology must be for academic reasons no matter if the wireless connection is school provided or personally provided through a family data plan. Student use of e-mail is restricted to faculty/staff consent at all times. Any unauthorized use of personal e-mail, through CCA's network, or through a personal data plan, will result in disciplinary action.
4. Texting as well as using apps such as Snapchat and Instagram are prohibited unless it is for academic purposes and is approved by the classroom teacher.
5. Access to any social network or social website of any kind, such as Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat, etc. is prohibited unless it is an academic social network such as Edmodo and access is approved by the teacher and purposed for academic pursuits.
6. Students will be safety-conscious while online. Students will not reveal their address or telephone number, nor will they knowingly allow anyone else to do so. Students will not reveal another's name, address or telephone number. Students will not transmit or use pictures of others without their consent.
7. Cyberbullying - disrespecting, mocking, gossiping, or speaking rudely or inappropriately about another person (student, teacher, friend or adult) online is prohibited. Sexting is prohibited. Students will not submit, publish or display any defamatory, inaccurate, abusive, obscene, profane, sexually oriented, threatening, racially offensive or illegal material; nor will they encourage the use of controlled substances, alcohol or tobacco.
8. Students will not use another student's technology, computer account or password. Students will not allow another student to use his/her technology, computer account or password under any circumstances. Students will not impersonate another's identity.
9. Students will respect the privacy of others. Deletion or tampering with files not created or owned by the student is prohibited, unless the supervising teacher directs such deletion.
10. Computers and networked games, including role playing and fantasy games, are prohibited.
11. Students will not change computer settings, download programs from the internet or install programs on any school computer.
12. Students will not take apart or remove any computer or any other piece of technology.
13. Students who bring in computer media (USB drives, or any other media containing a file) from outside the school will make every effort to ensure that it does not contain a computer virus. If a student receives a virus warning from any school computer, he or she must immediately stop whatever he or she is doing and inform the supervising teacher.
14. Students will respect the laws of the United States of America concerning copyrighted material.
15. Students may not take pictures or video of any student, teacher, staff member or CCA guest without the individual's consent and without an academic reason or pursuit.
16. Students may not utilize any piece of technology in CCA's bathrooms or locker rooms.
17. Students will not partake in video/audio-streaming of any kind without specific permission from the technology support coordinator.
18. Due to continuous advancements in technology, additional restrictions and use guidelines may be instituted throughout the school year. If it becomes necessary to amend the Technology Acceptable Use Policy, parents and students will be notified.
19. The technology support coordinator and/or administration have the authority to override a supervising teacher if network integrity and/or student cyber-safety could be impaired or compromised by any action.

Any violation of the Technology Acceptable Use Policy will be taken quite seriously and may result in a suspension and or expulsion depending upon the particular violation.