



BARRINGTON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY 2019-2020

All students in K-12 will be using Internet-accessible computers and iPads as part of our instructional program. Please be sure to sign and return this form after going over it with your child. Middle and high school students particularly must note the restrictions on use of anything recorded at BCA.

Introduction: The Internet is a global network of computers, providing access to education, information, and entertainment. Like many of our greatest blessings, if the Internet is used irresponsibly or inappropriately, there can be devastating consequences.

Therefore, we hold a high standard for Internet use by all BCA students, both at school and at home. Cyber-bullying is considered an offense that will result in suspension or expulsion from school.

Purpose: The purpose of Internet access for students at BCA is to enhance the learning process by helping students develop the ability to acquire knowledge and information through the use of today's technology and to encourage them to become life-long independent learners. They will also be instructed in the important skill of discerning ethical and moral use of today's technological advances. We will teach netiquette as well as guidelines for safe Internet use.

Student Access: Because the Internet is a gateway to the world, it does contain material that is offensive, disturbing, illegal and unreliable. When K-8 students are using the Internet, they are always supervised by their teachers. BCA has a filtering service that restricts access to unapproved sites, social networks and objectionable content. Students are allowed to access the Internet ONLY through BCA networks. **High School students please note: Accessing the Internet through any other available unsecured wireless networks is unethical and will result in restricted personal device use and possible confiscation of other personal technology devices.** High School students will daily be using their own iPads, which must have AirWatch installed on them.

Other than iPads and approved laptops, BCA does not permit students to use any personal devices that allow wireless connection to the Internet. **All lower and middle school students' cell phones must be put away out of sight and not used for any reason during the day if brought to school for after-school communication. High schoolers may use cell phones before school and at lunch.**

PARENTS: DO NOT ASK OR EXPECT YOUR CHILDREN TO USE CELL PHONES FOR COMMUNICATION WITH YOU DURING THE DAY. DO NOT RESPOND TO TEXT MESSAGES FROM YOUR CHILD REPORTING ILLNESS OR OTHER PERSONAL NEEDS. STUDENTS MUST GO TO THE NURSE IF THEY ARE SICK OR ARE REQUESTING TO GO HOME.

Student/Parent/School Responsibilities

- High School students are expected to check their BCA email accounts daily.
- No student will be allowed access to the Internet at BCA until this Internet Acceptable Use Policy has been signed by both student and guardian.
- Each student is expected to be responsible for his/her own appropriate Internet use, in accordance with BCA standards.
- All students will have a complete orientation to the use and care of school-owned iPads and their own personal iPads. Parents are responsible for monitoring Internet accessibility at home.

Responsible Internet Use During School Hours

Responsible in-school behavior on the Internet includes, but is not limited to:

- using the Internet for school-related purposes only; using only BCA-protected networks.
- avoiding inappropriate material;
- staying out of chat rooms and *all* social network sites, even if not blocked.
- notifying a teacher immediately of any problems encountered while using the computer.

*Responsible Internet and Cell Phone Use expected of ALL BCA STUDENTS AT ALL TIMES

- follow existing copyright laws and avoiding plagiarism;
- refrain from any type of harassment, gang activity, abusive or obscene language, or pornography; (This applies to text messaging on cell phones.)
- refrain from unlawful "hacking into" any restricted site for any purpose.
- **BCA students MAY NOT post on the Internet (at public sites such as YouTube, Facebook, Myspace, Twitter, etc.) any inappropriate photos or videos. Inappropriate photos and videos are NEVER permitted. Violation of this policy may lead to suspension or dismissal of a student from Barrington Christian Academy. Any photographs posted on social networks (i.e. Facebook, Instagram, etc.) may not be of content that would embarrass or humiliate anyone. Administration will address inappropriate social network content.**

General Internet Safety Guidelines

- Never give out identifying information such as home address or telephone number.
- Never arrange to meet face-to-face with someone you meet on-line.
- Never respond to messages that are suggestive, obscene, threatening or make you feel uncomfortable.
- Remember that people on-line may not be who they say they are.

Behaviors and Consequences

Computer use and Internet access through BCA are privileges and not rights. The school may cancel a student's access to the Internet, confiscate devices used in inappropriate ways, and remove a student from the school if these privileges are abused.

I have read and understand this Internet Use Policy. I agree to abide by its guidelines.

Student Signature _____

Date _____

(Students in grades 5-12 are required to sign this policy.)

I have read and understand this Internet Policy. I hereby give permission for my child to use the Internet at Barrington Christian Academy. I will support BCA in its effort to extend aspects of BCA's Acceptable Use policy to home use.

I will not communicate with my child via cell phone (texts or calls) during the school day. I understand that if my child is ill, he/she must report to the school nurse rather than call me directly to request to be picked up from school.

Parent Signature _____

Date _____