

Technological resources, including computers and other electronic device, with or without Internet access, provide a unique opportunity to enhance instructional methods, appeal to different learning styles, and encourages exploration and individual creativity. It is the goal of Northdale Lutheran School to provide those resource opportunities to the students and staff.

With the use of technological tools, comes attached a list of expectations and requirements. This Acceptable Use Policy covers various areas of student expectations and requirements, ranging from aspects of Christian conduct and etiquette to compliance with governmental laws.

- A. Rules and Requirements for hardware and software
- B. Appropriate Internet usage
- C. Student safety
- D. Privacy and Intellectual Property
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A. Rules and Requirements for hardware and software

Damaging, altering, modifying software or hardware is strictly prohibited. Only Northdale Lutheran School staff is allowed to install any new software, app, or other downloaded program onto school property.

Printing materials is allowed for educational purposes. No printing of personal materials is allowed without the approval of school staff or teachers.

Reconfiguring of any of the device settings is prohibited.

B. Appropriate Internet usage

Students are not allowed to retrieve, save, download, forward, text, or display hate-based, offensive, pornographic or sexually explicit material. Students are not allowed to use school resources for any commercial or gambling purpose.

Student chat, instant messaging, skype, or any other social media applications is prohibited without the approval of a teacher or staff member.

Student internet use that is not educationally-important is deemed low priority and is only acceptable with teacher or staff approval.

Students and teachers of Northdale Lutheran School will refrain from “friending” each other on Facebook while the student is enrolled.

C. Student Safety

Under no circumstances should a student give his/her account information, passwords, or other sensitive data unless directed to do so by a teacher or staff member for educational purposes. Students should not reveal your full name, home address, phone number while using the internet unless directed to do so by a teacher or staff member for educational purposes.

It is a criminal act to electronically harass, cyber-bully, or cyber-stalk a fellow student, teacher, or staff member. Students are prohibited from presenting any e-mail, chat, or other correspondence that has the purposeful intent of being hurtful, demeaning, or racist.

D. Privacy and Intellectual Property

Copyright and Intellectual laws strictly prohibit the copying, selling, or distributing copyrighted, trademarked, or licensed material, including illegally shared music files, video files, gaming files, or any other software.

Students are not allowed to use other student's materials without the express permission of the student.

E. Disclaimer

Northdale Lutheran School reserves the right to monitor all aspects of student technological use, including school-created e-mail accounts.

Northdale Lutheran School makes no warranties of any kind for the technological resources it provides. That includes loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, improper deliveries, data-storage malfunction, or any formatting issues.

Northdale Lutheran School is not responsible for any financial liabilities a student takes on in the purchase of downloaded materials.

Northdale Lutheran School has taken precautions to restrict access to controversial and offensive materials. However, being on a global network, it is impossible to control all materials a student may encounter. Northdale Lutheran School believes students should be taught how to make God-pleasing decisions concerning the content they access. Northdale Lutheran School has taken appropriate measures to restrict offensive materials, and the school is not responsible if a student accesses content by side-stepping the filter.

F. Consequences

Students choosing to willfully act in ways that are contrary to this Acceptable Use Policy is eligible for the loss of access to all technological resources. Students may have internet and e-mail privileges revoked. A student may serve an in-school detention, an out-of-school suspension, or expulsion for severe cases of misconduct.