STILLWATER
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Acceptable Use Policy

Parents and Students: The purpose of this agreement is to outline the rules for computer hardware, local area network, and Internet use at Stillwater Christian School.

Internet Use:
The use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in the cancellation of those privileges. The Internet gives teachers and students access to electronic mail communication with people all over the world and to information and news from government agencies. Access is also available to university libraries, museums, and many other informational databases. Along with this availability comes the risk of access to material that may not be considered to be of educational value or may potentially be offensive.

While student use of the Internet will be supervised and filtering software will be used, Stillwater Christian School does not have full control of the content that may be accessible. We firmly believe, however, that the valuable information, electronic interaction, and potential benefits for our students far outweigh the possibility that users may access inappropriate or offensive material.

Students are expected to exercise responsible Christian behavior when using the Internet. These responsibilities include:
- Using the Internet in a way that is consistent with the mission and policies of Stillwater Christian School.
- Using the Internet for school related or staff approved educational work.
- Adhering to the rules of copyright.
- Respecting the data and privacy of other users.
- Sending e-mail or accessing web pages only with teacher permission.
- Keeping personal information about oneself or others private. Such personal information includes address, phone number, credit card numbers, social security numbers, password, or other confidential information.
- Understanding that e-mail is not guaranteed to be private. System administrators may access e-mail or monitor activity when there is reason to suspect inappropriate conduct or when there is a problem with the system.

Other Computer Use:
Use of computers at Stillwater Christian School also requires adherence to the following:
- Copying, altering, or tampering with data files, software programs, or system settings on any school computer is strictly forbidden.
- Unauthorized persons may not use equipment, software, security passwords, network accounts, or access codes belonging to the school **or other users**.
- Stillwater Christian School reserves the right to review and remove any material stored on its equipment.
- Users must honor software licensing agreements and all rules of copyright and personal property.
- Software or data from outside sources, including files attached to e-mail, or stored on floppy disks, CD's, USB drives, or any other medium, may not be used on school equipment without proper authorization from the system administrator.
- No food or drink (including water) are allowed in the computer labs or when using a school's computer at any location.

Violation of Policy:
Students violating the Acceptable Use Policy will be subject to the following:
- Disabling of account for a time determined by the administration.
- Detention for violating school policy.
- Possible suspension or other discipline deemed appropriate by administration.

By signing the consent form, the parents have acknowledged that they have discussed the privileges and responsibilities for computer use at Stillwater Christian School, and the student has agreed to abide by its Acceptable Use Policy.

My signature below, and that of my parents, means that I have read the Stillwater Christian School Acceptable Use Policy, understand its contents, and agree to follow its guidelines.

Name of Student _____ Grade _____

Student's Signature_____ Date _____

Name of Parent(s) _____

Signature of Parent(s) _____ Date _____

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