

This agreement must be signed before the student may use any VCS computer.

Student's Name: _____ **Grade:** _____

Homeroom teacher: _____

(Student) I agree to follow the Internet Safety Policy/Regulations as listed below.

_____ **Date:** _____

(Parent) I will support the Internet Use Agreement for my son/daughter.

_____ **Date:** _____

Return to your homeroom teacher NLT August 28, 2007.

Internet Safety Policy/Regulations VCMS/VCHS 2007/2008 School Year

Please read this document carefully before signing the Internet Acceptable Use Policy Agreement form.

Vacaville Christian Schools is pleased to announce the establishment of Internet services to students, teachers, school board members, administrators, and staff. The Internet is a global network connecting individual subscribers from all over the world. It is often referred to as the "information superhighway". The Internet can be a very exciting educational tool bringing together a collective effort of information-providers: schools, governments, nonprofit groups, commercial organizations and private individuals. Research, collaborative learning and exchange of educational ideas and information are regularly pursued on the Internet. Access to electronic mail, discussion groups, databases, software and other information sources, such as libraries and museums will also be provided.

The students entering Vacaville Christian Schools today will graduate and live in the 21st century. The responsibility of VCS is to prepare students to live in a rapidly changing world. Continuing advances in technology are profoundly changing the ways we access and use information. Decisions made today will have major effects on the quality and efficiency of the education delivered to students of today and tomorrow. Vacaville Christian Schools hopes to pave an educational highway to assist in providing its students with the capability to communicate with people from throughout the world. The use of the Internet for educational purposes will assist in preparing students for success in life and work in the 21st Century, thus becoming life-long learners.

In its continued efforts to comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act, VCS shall adopt and enforce a policy of Internet safety that incorporates the use of computer-related technology or the use of Internet service provider technology designed to block or filter Internet access for minors and adults to certain visual depictions, including without limitation those that are obscene, child pornographic, or harmful to minors, including without limitation sites that are excessively violent, pervasively vulgar, or sexually harassing. Sites which contain information on the manufacturing of bombs or other incendiary devices shall also be prohibited. Only authorized persons may disable for an adult user the blocking or filtering mechanism in order to enable Internet access for bona fide research or other lawful purposes, which shall include online services for legitimate scientific or educational purposes approved by the Board, or access to online services of a newspaper with a daily circulation of at least 1,000.

In addition to filtering requirements, the Board shall maintain regulations which:

- Prohibit access by minors to inappropriate matter on the Internet and World Wide Web;
- Address the safety and security of minors when using electronic mail, chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communications, such as “Instant Messaging”;
- Prohibit unauthorized access, including what is now known as “hacking”;
- Prohibit unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal information regarding minors; and
- Institutes measures designed to restrict minors’ access to materials harmful to minors.

VCS believes that there are appropriate regulations to maximize effective educational use of the Internet and minimize abuse of the opportunity being provided to our schools. Ethical, efficient and legal use of any network is the key to a successful linkage with the Internet. The establishment of a Wide Area Network (WAN) within the district provides a means to connect each school’s Local Area Network (LAN). Only computer connected to the school LAN will be provided with Internet services.

Accordingly, use of the Internet is a privilege and not a right, thus regulations for participation by anyone on the Internet shall include but not be limited to the following:

1. Users must demonstrate honesty, integrity, and respect for others at all times. Appropriate manners and language shall be required.
2. No individual student shall be permitted to have an e-mail account. Only teachers and classes as a whole may be permitted to use e-mail. E-mail is not guaranteed to be private on the Internet. Therefore, only appropriate teacher or class messages shall be allowed.
3. No photographs, personal addresses, personal phone numbers, or last names will be permitted in student use of the Internet.
4. Illegal activities, including copyright or contract violations shall not be permitted. The Internet may not be used for financial or commercial gain.
5. Posting / writing / including / attaching threatening, profane, or abusive messages shall be forbidden on or off campus.
6. No activities shall be allowed which may damage or interrupt equipment or any networking system.
7. Any attempt to alter, harm or destroy the data of another user on the Internet, or any network on the Internet shall be forbidden.
8. No user is permitted to upload, or create, a computer virus on the Internet or any networking system.
9. Resources offered by the Internet and paid for by the Board may not be willfully wasted.
10. A user shall not attempt to access any Internet resources or entities not previously authorized by the teacher.

11. Invading the privacy of another user, or using their account, shall not be tolerated.
12. Posting personal messages without the author's consent shall be forbidden.
13. Sending or posting anonymous messages shall be forbidden.
14. Perusing, or otherwise accessing, obscene and pornographic material, or using profanity in messages shall be forbidden.
15. Product advertising, political lobbying, or sending messages involving illegal activities shall not be permitted. Violations shall be reported to the teacher when evidence of such is encountered on the Internet.
16. Any subscriptions to list servers, bulletin boards, or on-line services shall be approved by the Superintendent or his designee prior to any such usage.
17. When a security problem is detected, it shall be reported immediately to the teacher. The problem shall not be demonstrated to other users.
18. Suspension shall automatically result for a user who accesses, sends, receives, or configures electronically any profane or obscene language or pictures.
19. VCS prohibits the unauthorized use to the system to purchase products or services.

Use of the Internet is a privilege, and any inappropriate use may result in appropriate disciplinary action and loss of privileges to use the Internet. Loss of privileges shall apply to all students, teachers, staff, and administrators who abuse the privilege of using the Internet.

No one shall be permitted to use the Internet unless a completed Internet Acceptable Use Policy has been submitted to the Superintendent or designee.

One other area to mention is network etiquette and privacy. You are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These include (but are not limited to) the following:

1. **BE POLITE.** Never send, or encourage others to send, abusive messages.
2. **USE APPROPRIATE LANGUAGE.** Remember that you are a representative of your school and district on a non-private system. You may be alone with your computer, but what you say and how you say it can be viewed worldwide. Never swear, use vulgarities, or any other inappropriate language. Illegal activities of any kind are strictly forbidden.
3. **PRIVACY.** Do not reveal your home address or personal phone number or the addresses and phone numbers of students or colleagues. Students' first names only will be used. (In the event that two students in the same class have the same first name, the last initial will be included.)
4. **ELECTRONIC MAIL.** Electronic mail (e-mail) is not guaranteed to be private. Personnel who operate the system do have access to all mail. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities must be reported.
5. **DISRUPTIONS.** Do not use the network in any way that would disrupt use of the network of others.