

“ACS will effectively integrate technology into curriculum, instruction, and communication, to support and strengthen the ACS learning community.”

**ABBOTSFORD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
RESPONSIBLE COMPUTER USE POLICY 2010– 2011**

In keeping with our mission statement, at Abbotsford Christian School, we, as a learning community, strive to serve God in all we do. In the 21st century, this includes the way we think about and use technology. Our students need to be equipped to live faithfully and obediently in an age of information and communication. Realizing that the products of technology are not neutral, that they come with a pre-supposed and inherent worldview, still we endeavor to use these products in a God-honoring manner to enhance the education of our students. Technology is one of many pathways in which God’s children can further explore, evaluate and experience all of life under God, both within and outside of the context of the classroom. The effective integration into curriculum and instruction will support and strengthen student learning. Through the use of technology, students have the opportunity to work towards discovering and developing their abilities and unique gifts. Some students may discover gifts and abilities that lie in the field of technology. In using technology in an age-appropriate manner, students are given opportunity to be faithful, discerning, obedient and creative servants of God and of neighbour, and stewards of his creation.

All students are expected to develop skills in the use of information, up-to-date educational technology and other tools to improve learning, achieve goals, and create products and presentations. They will learn to develop, locate, summarize, organize, synthesize, discern and evaluate information. Users will be expected to use technological tools, such as telecommunications networking, for problem-solving, writing, and research. ACS has a scope and sequence of skills that are appropriate for each grade level.

Abbotsford Christian School is committed to the goal of having computers used in a responsible, ethical and legal manner to advance the educational goals of the school.

Computer access is a privilege, not a right. While the school has set in place appropriate security and suitable filters, students and staff are expected to exercise responsible use following the rules in the ACS policy. Failure to comply with these rules will result in the removal of these privileges.

Parental permission is required for student users.

RULES AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL LEVEL (6 – 8)

1. I will respect all laws concerning privacy (opening anyone else's files), piracy (violating site licenses), plagiarism (using another's work – word, picture – without attribution), copyright, and viruses (any methods of corrupting existing files or systems).
2. I will use computers only for approved educational purposes.
3. I will use only appropriate language on computers.
4. I will respect the privacy of other users and of myself, by not giving out any personal and/or confidential information about my family, other students or myself on the Internet.
5. I will use email for specific teacher approved assignments only.
6. I will never harm or destroy computers or the work of another person on our school computer system or any other computer system.
7. I will never intentionally initiate access to material that could be considered inappropriate, offensive or pornographic.
8. I will not use computers for commercial enterprises.
9. I will not misrepresent other users or myself on computers.
10. I will not use the computers for hate mail, harassment, discriminatory remarks or other antisocial behaviour.
11. I understand that school staff will periodically monitor and review the use of computers by students and staff.
12. I understand that not following the rules will mean a loss of my computer privileges and could also result in additional disciplinary action, including legal action or criminal prosecution.
13. I will only share my user name and password with my parents.

User Name: _____ **Password:** _____

Please keep this information in a safe place for reference.

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STUDENT AGREEMENT

I have read and discussed the Abbotsford Christian School rules and responsibilities for computer use with my parents. I understand that I may use the school's computer only if I follow the rules.

Print student name _____ Grade _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Teacher _____

PARENT AGREEMENT

Dear Parents,

Your middle schooler's teachers have read this document with their classes and have explained the importance of using the school's computer resources appropriately. Please review these rules with your son/daughter, sign and date the form and return it to the Homeroom teacher. If you have any questions, please ask the teacher.

I have read and discussed the rules and regulations with my son/daughter. I understand that if my middle schooler violates these rules, he/she will be subject to certain disciplinary consequences. I agree to be legally and financially responsible for any misuse of the computer resources by my child. I realize that student use of computer technology in middle school is for supervised class instruction and school projects. I understand that, as with all school activities, computer use is conducted in a supervised environment and appropriate filters and safety measures have been put in place. I also understand that it is impossible for the school to control access to all information and resource materials. I will not hold Abbotsford Christian School responsible for controversial materials acquired by my child while using computer technology.

My child has my permission to use Abbotsford Christian School's computer technology.

Yes _____ Parent/guardian signature _____

No _____ Parent/guardian signature _____

Print Parent name _____

Home phone _____ Date _____