Brooklake Christian School Acceptable Use Policy

STUDENT ACCESS TO NETWORKED INFORMATION RESOURCES

Filtering software is in use on all computers at Brooklake with access to the Internet. This blocks or filters access to known websites deemed inappropriate in a Christian Elementary educational setting. Educational staff will, to the best of their ability, monitor student use of the Internet in school, and will take reasonable measures to prevent access to inappropriate material on the Internet, and restrict their access to materials harmful to students.

Students are responsible for good behavior on school computers just as they are in a classroom or a school hallway. Communications on the network are often public in nature. General school rules for behavior apply. The network is provided for students to conduct research and complete assignments. Access to the internet at Brooklake will be provided to students who agree to act in a Christian manner and have been given permission by their parents.

Personal information such as names, addresses, telephone numbers and identifiable photos should remain confidential when using the internet. No user may disclose, use, or disseminate personal identification information regarding minors. Students encountering information or messages they deem dangerous or inappropriate on the web should notify their teacher or other adult staff immediately. Chat rooms and direct electronic communications (Instant Message services) are not permitted on school computers. Students will not be given e-mail accounts at Brooklake.

Student use of telecommunications and electronic information resources will be permitted upon submission of permission forms and agreement forms by parents and by students themselves.

Use of the network resources must be for school work purposes. Brooklake Christian School reserves the right to prioritize use and access to the system. No use of the system shall serve to disrupt the use of the system by others; system components including hardware or software shall not be destroyed, modified, or abused in any way. Intentional use of Brooklake computers to develop programs that harass other users or gain unauthorized access to network system and/or damage the components of network system is prohibited. Users are responsible for the appropriateness of any content they create or use on system. Hate mail, harassment, discriminatory remarks, or other antisocial or non-Christian behaviors are expressly prohibited. Such acts constitute a violation of this Acceptable Use Policy and will lead to discipline.

Access to the internet will enable students to explore thousands of libraries, databases, and electronic resources. Brooklake believes that the benefits to students from access in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration exceed the disadvantages. Ultimately, parents and guardians of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using media and information sources. To that end, Brooklake Christian School supports and respects each family's right to decide whether or not to apply for independent access.

Brooklake Christian School
Internet User Agreement and Parent Permission Form

Student's Name: _____ (Last) _____ (First) _____ Grade: _____

To use networked resources for internet access, all students must sign and return this form, and obtain parental permission. **The activities listed below are not permitted** on ANY computer located at Brooklake Christian School:

- Knowingly accessing inappropriate website material.
- Using inappropriate language on any computer in any software.
- Giving personal information, such as name, phone number, address or identifiable photo on any website.
- Harassing, insulting or attacking others.
- Damaging or modifying computers, computer systems or computer networks including installing ANY programs or changing ANY preferences or settings.
- Violating copyright laws or plagiarism of website material.
- Trespassing in others' folders, work or files.
- Intentionally wasting limited computer resources.
- Employing the network for commercial purposes, financial gain, or fraud.
- Searching websites not necessary for school work.
- File downloads or running programs found on web sites unless with teacher permission.
- Knowingly pursuing websites allowing viruses, adware or spyware to infect school computer systems

Violations may result in a loss of access as well as other disciplinary action.

Student User Agreement: (K-5th grade only)

As a user of the Brooklake Christian School computer network, I hereby agree to comply with the statements and expectations outlined in this document and to honor all rules and restrictions.

(Initial appropriate items)

_____ Agree to use the network and internet responsibly

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Permission:

All students are provided with access to Brooklake computer resources. In addition to accessing our computer network, as the parent or legal guardian, I grant permission for the above named student to:

(Initial appropriate items)

_____ Access the network and Internet

These permissions are granted for an indefinite period of time, unless otherwise requested. I understand that individuals and families may be held liable for violations. I understand that some materials on the Internet may be objectionable, but I accept responsibility for guidance of Internet use - setting and conveying standards for my daughter or son to follow when selecting, sharing or exploring information and media.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____