Trinity Lutheran School Technology Policy

Trinity is blessed to be able to offer technology to our students. Much of this technology has been purchased by members of the congregation or donated to us from other schools. We are grateful for these gifts and will be good stewards of them.

Access to the internet is a PRIVLEDGE. Students have no expectation of privacy when using school technology. The school staff retains the right to monitor and/or duplicate information created by students in any electronic format. Students occasionally us iPads in the classroom. The same rules apply for the use of these devices. Each student is expected to abide by the following guidelines:

- Use the network for only school-related or school appropriate purposes (access/save/print/use only school-appropriate language, pictures, text, data)
- Contact only sites that are considered by the staff to be appropriate for the school (no chat rooms, email, private sites, IM, etc.)
- Use the internet only under the direct supervision of a teacher/authorized adult.
- Respect the integrity of the network
  - Do not alter the computer system in any way
  - Maintain the privacy of yourself/others
- Refrain from using the internet/computers to steal (copyright violations, plagiarism, etc.)
- Follow the rules regarding logging on, saving, printing, and using the network folders.
- Protect passwords to maintain the security of the network.
- Maintain high standards regarding technology
  - Respect property of others
  - Use equipment with care
  - Use only software that has been assigned by the teacher
  - Leave all materials, equipment, and parts in the computer area (good condition)
  - Report equipment or software problems to the teacher
- Refrain from using the computer to harm others (degrading messages, gossip, bear false witness)

Behaviors that may result in suspension of Internet privileges incudes (but are not limited to):

- Vandalism of hardware, software, or student files (damage to equipment)
- Theft of hardware, software, or other equipment
- Access objectionable and/or inappropriate materials/sites
- Waste of computer resources
- Accessing or attempting to access unauthorized information
- Misuse of copyrighted materials

Possible Consequences for disobeying the guidelines:

- Suspension of computer privileges
- Detention
- Student "Computer Contract"
- Suspension
- Expulsion