

Computer Use Contract

Purpose and Goal

The purpose of this contract is to establish a code of conduct that will be followed while using any computer, at any place. This contract is entered into between your parents (“we”, “us”, “our”) and you. Computer use is a privilege that can be revoked at any time. Moreover, computer use can be harmful when abused. The goal of this contract is to allow you to use the computer in good and healthy ways such that it will be a benefit to you. We enter into this contract with you having your very best interests in mind.

General Guidelines

In general, your use of the computer use should honor Jesus Christ, your parents, and most importantly it should honor yourself. Abusive computer use is harmful and has long-lasting consequences. Using the computer should enhance your life, and not diminish it in any way.

Time

At a minimum, the filtering software shall govern your time restrictions. Beyond that:

1. You must ask our permission before using the Internet or Email.
2. You may not use the Internet or Email if both parents are in bed.
3. When using your profile, you must log off when finished. Never give out credentials (usernames, passwords) to anyone. You may not use another sibling’s profile.
4. If there is a legitimate need to violate any of the above, you may ask us and we may temporarily lift the restriction.

Internet Use

We do not need to caution you about the dangers of the Internet. Specifically, the following shall be observed:

1. Google is the only search engine you are allowed to use. Specifically, you may only use the Web and Map search options. This means no image, video or other types of searches.
2. When searching for content, you may not search for images or video.
3. There is already a list of sites that are off limits (MySpace, YouTube, etc). We may amend this list over time as necessary.
4. If there is a legitimate need to violate any of the above, you may ask us and we may temporarily lift the restriction provided there is parental supervision.
5. If you accidentally stumble upon inappropriate content, you must:
 - a. Immediately close the web browser, and
 - b. Notify a parent ASAP so that we can take action with the filtering software.

Email Use

Email is an extension of the Internet and therefore shall fall under compliance for the rules stated above. Additionally:

1. You may not send inappropriate content.
2. You may not reply to or forward chain mail, quizzes, tests, surveys, or any other message of this nature. If you want to ask the sender to refrain from sending you junk, you may email a new message, but do not reply to the offending message.
3. If you receive any inappropriate content, including attachment(s), you must:
 - a. Immediately and permanently delete the message. Permanently means deleting from the Deleted Items folder.
 - b. Notify a parent ASAP so that we can take appropriate action.

Consequences for Non-Compliance

We understand that due to the nature of people, sometimes you may accidentally come across inappropriate content. For those situations, we have already outlined the steps you are to follow. If you follow those steps, you will avoid any consequences (aside from the harmful nature of being exposed to the content itself). Failure to comply with accidental incidents, or willful non-compliance, including using the computer when you have lost your privilege to do so, shall result in the following consequences:

1. If you voluntarily confess violating this contract to us:
 - a. You will be fined 12.5% of your annual allowance.
 - b. You will lose computer privileges for two weeks.
2. If you do not voluntarily confess before we find out from monitoring the computer:
 - a. You will be fined 25% of your annual allowance.
 - b. You will lose computer privileges for one month.

Agreement:

It is your responsibility to fully understand the terms of this contract and ask clarifying questions, so that you understand the agreement you are entering into.

I have read and understand the terms of this contact and I agree to abide by them for the privilege of computer use. I understand that my computer use will be monitored and that it is the right of my parents to do this for my welfare.

Name: _____

Date: _____

Parent: _____

Date: _____

Parent: _____

Date: _____