

## **Hope Baptist Church/Hope Christian Academy** **Student Technology Acceptable Use Agreement**

It is Hope Baptist Church's (HBC) and Hope Christian Academy's (HCA) intent that the internet and our network computers be used in a responsible, ethical, and legal manner. As much as possible, access to our information resources will be designed in ways that point students to those resources that have been reviewed and evaluated prior to use. However, on the Internet it is impossible to control all materials and a user may accidentally or purposefully discover controversial information/material. It is the user's responsibility to avoid initiating access to such material. Any violations should be reported to the teacher, HCA Administration or HBC office. Serious violations may result in school disciplinary or legal action.

Title 17 US Code, section 101 ET Seq., the Federal Copyright Act, protects the interests of persons who have developed original works of authorship, including computer software. HBC/HCA recognizes and supports the legitimate interests of copyright holders, and prohibits its students from violating the rights of copyright holders. Violations of the copyright act, such as unauthorized copying of software, can result in criminal penalties.

Inappropriate Internet use is considered to be, but not limited to, the following:

1. The retrieving and viewing of any information that is pornographic in nature.
2. The disclosing of personal information without that person's consent
3. Using profanity, obscenity or other language that may be offensive.
4. "Chatting" and instant messaging
5. Copying commercial software in violation of copyright laws
6. Using the internet for financial gain or for any commercial or illegal activity
7. "Surfing" with no educational objective in mind
8. Downloading and playing of games
9. Any other activity that may bring embarrassment to HBC/HCA

Inappropriate computer use is deemed to be, but not limited to, the following:

1. Failure to keep personal passwords confidential
2. Using profanity, obscenity, or language that may be offensive in the creation of documents to include the naming of files.
3. Rendering the computer or peripheral devices inoperative
4. "Tampering" with programs or files, to include unauthorized deleting
5. Unauthorized installation of programs or files
6. Unauthorized use of "teacher" computers
7. Any use that violates the Copyright Laws
8. Using the internet without Adult Supervision
9. Using computers and /or the internet without Teacher Authorization
10. Any use that violates established policies of Hope Baptist Church and or Hope Christian Academy
11. Engaging in practices that threaten the Network (loading files that may introduce a virus)

Failure to comply with the above or any other items deemed necessary by the School/Church Administration will be handled in accordance with HCA Student Code of Conduct. Access to computers and the Internet at HBC/HCA will only be granted with a signed and dated Technology Use Agreement and Application. If the applicant is under the age of 18, a parent or guardian must also read and sign this agreement and application. The agreement must be renewed each academic year.

