



## INTERNET USE AGREEMENT

Attached, please find Harvest Christian Academy's school wide acceptable use policy for use of computers and the Internet designed to protect students' use of the Internet. Key components from the policy include:

- Internet activities are highly structured, supervised, and planned in detail – recreational “surfing” is not allowed. In most cases students go to one specific website that has been designated by the teacher.
- Our computers have a filter that limits Internet access.
- Chat groups, instant messaging, and e-mail by students are not allowed, unless part of an assignment.
- Students may not post contact information (such as addresses and phone numbers) while using the Internet at school.
- Students who misuse the Internet will face disciplinary measures.

The Internet and the HCA website also afford the opportunity for communication and information about the school. We would like to be able to post photos of class activities as well as some examples of student work. To protect our students our policy specifies:

- Students will be identified only by first name on web pages.
- Students' names will never be captioned next to their picture.

In order for your child to use the Internet as well as to have his/her image and work posted on the Internet, our policy requires that parents and students sign the release, which is attached to this letter. The first document (on the front side) is the agreement to follow the rules of computer and Internet use. The second document (on the back) is an agreement to allow your child's image and work to be posted on the HCA web page.

Please sign the refusal statement if your child will not be able to use the Internet for computer lab, library, or classroom activities, and you would not permit us to include your child's work on the school's webpage.



# HARVEST CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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I understand and will abide by the Internet Use Agreement and published School Policy. I further understand that any violation of the Internet Use Agreement is unethical and may constitute a criminal offense. Should I knowingly commit any violation, my HCA access privileges may be revoked, school disciplinary actions may be taken, and/or appropriate legal action may be taken against me.

Student #1 name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Student's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student #2 name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Student's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student #3 name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Student's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student #4 name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Student's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Parent or Guardian

(If you are under the age of 18, a parent or guardian must also read and sign this agreement).

As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read the Internet Use Agreement. I understand that this access is designed for educational purposes. HCA has taken precautions to restrict access to controversial material. However, I also recognize it is impossible for HCA to restrict access to all controversial materials, and I will not hold HCA or any of its employees responsible for materials acquired on the network.

I hereby give permission to/for my child to use the Internet and for his/her likeness or work to be featured on the webpage, and certify that the information contained on this form is correct.

OR

I refuse to give permission to/for my child to use the Internet and for his/her likeness or work to be featured on the webpage.

Parent or Guardian's Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Internet – Terms and Conditions

1. **Acceptable Use** – The purpose of NSFNET, which is the backbone network of the Internet, is to support research and education in and among academic institutions in the U.S. by providing access to unique resources and the opportunity for collaborative work. The purpose of providing access is to support education and research and its use must be consistent with the educational objectives of HCA. Use of another organization's networks or computing resources must comply with the rules appropriate to that organization. Transmission of any material in violation of any U.S. or state regulation is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to copyrighted material, threatening or obscene materials, or material protected by trade secret. Use of the HCA network for commercial activities, product advertisement, or political lobbying is prohibited.
2. **Privileges** – The use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right. Inappropriate use may result in disciplinary action. Student access will always be monitored by staff members and must be limited to activities that are defined by the staff member in accordance with school policy.
  - Internet activities are highly structured, supervised, and planned in detail – recreational “surfing” is not allowed. In most cases students go to one specific website that has been designated by the teacher.
  - Our computers have a filter that limits Internet access.
  - Chat groups, instant messaging, and e-mail by students are not allowed, unless part of an assignment.
  - Students may not post contact information (such as addresses and phone numbers) while using the Internet at school.
  - Students who misuse the Internet will face disciplinary measures.
3. **Network Etiquette** – All users are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These include (but are not limited) to the following:
  - a. Messages should be polite.
  - b. Appropriate language is expected. Swearing, vulgarities or any other inappropriate language is forbidden.
  - c. Personal addresses or phone numbers of students, colleagues or yourself must never be revealed.
  - d. Use of another's access is prohibited.
  - e. Electronic communications over the network should be considered as private and personal as are written communications.
  - f. Any use of the network intended to disrupt its use for others is prohibited.
  - g. Information obtained electronically is covered by the same ownership/ copyright rules as printed material.
4. **Security** – Security on any computer system is a high priority, especially when the system involves many users. Users who feel they can identify a security problem on the Internet must notify the Coordinator of Technology. The problem must not be demonstrated to other users. Any user who has violated the network etiquette or has problems with other computer systems may be denied access to the network.
5. **Vandalism** – Vandalism will result in cancellation of privileges. Vandalism may include, but is not limited to any malicious attempt to harm or destroy the data of another user, the Internet, or any of the above listed agencies or other networks that are connected to the NSFNET Internet backbone.
6. **HCA makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. HCA will not be responsible for any damages suffered. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, mis-deliveries, or service interruptions caused by its own negligence or personal errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at one's own risk. HCA specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its services.**