

Student Computer & Internet Use Contract

With the permission of your parent or guardian, you will have the opportunity to use the internet at school. Access to the internet will allow you to explore resources and information from around the world; information you may not have access to otherwise. While our intent is to make internet access available to further educational goals and objectives, some material available on the internet is not useful for educational purposes. We believe that the benefits of using the internet far exceed any disadvantages. Ultimately, parents and guardians of children are responsible for deciding whether you should or should not have access to the internet. Our goal is to provide a safe, positive learning experience when using the internet, but we respect each family's decision on this issue. Please read the following statements. If you understand and agree to follow them, please sign and return this form.

I am responsible for good behavior on the computer and the internet just as I am in the classroom, playground and lunchroom. General school rules for behavior and dealing with others apply.

I will always ask permission from a teacher or designated adult before accessing the internet or using the computer.

I will use the computer and the internet to do activities or get information that is related to what I am studying in my classroom. I will not use the internet for any other reason. If by mistake, I access information that I know I shouldn't see, I will immediately tell my teacher or an adult. I will not share it with a classmate.

I will only use words and language that is considered appropriate. I will not use words or language that my teacher or parent would not want me to use in the classroom.

I will never give my name, my home address, my telephone number or any personal information about me or my family to anyone over the internet. This includes information about other students and anyone associated with ACS.

I will not be given an e-mail account nor be allowed to use personal e-mail at school. If any e-mail activities are done, they will be done under the close supervision of a teacher, and it will be for a class-related activity.

I will not purchase anything on the internet.

My work may be published on the ACS website; however, identifying information about me (like my picture) will not be published without parental consent.

I will not do the following, when using the internet or the computer:

- Harass, insult or be disrespectful to others.
- Damage or disrupt computers, computer systems or networks, including software and hardware. This includes downloading of ANYTHING onto a school computer.
- Play internet games, access online chat or messenger areas or subscribe to any online services without teacher permission.
- Break copyright laws.
- Knowingly access someone else's folders, work or files.
- Change a computer file that does not belong to me.
- Give out computer passwords to others or use another person's password.

Use of the computer and the internet at school is a privilege, not a right. If I do not act responsibly and follow the rules given, I will lose my computer privilege. I will not receive a warning if I break a rule. The first time, I will lose my computer privilege for one month. If a second time occurs, I will lose my computer privileges for the rest of the school year.

I have read the Student Policy on Internet and Computer Usage and understand and agree to follow the rules as stated.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I do not want my child to use the internet at Ames Christian School.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_