COMPUTER USE POLICY

Nelson Christian Community School (NCCS) is committed to preparing its students for life in the twenty-first century. This Acceptable User Policy provides rules for Computer and Internet use that place the onus for appropriate online behavior on the individual. Students who learn to critically evaluate the information they retrieve, learn to respect intellectual property and learn to monitor their technology use are well on their way to becoming responsible citizens in the Information Age.

Online Citizenship:
A. The student will not use insulting, threatening, rude, offensive, hateful or disrespectful language on the computer.
B. The student will not use the computer to harm other people or their work.
C. The student will not commit plagiarism (copying) by claiming someone else's work as their own. The source of the information will be reported and the author will be given credit for the writing when it is necessary.
D. The student will not use copyright material without the permission of the author or creator.

Personal Safety and Privacy:
A. The student will not give our personal information about himself/herself, the family, other people or the school without the permission of an appropriate adult (parent, teacher, school administration, pastor). This includes names, addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses, photographs.
B. The student will not arrange to meet anyone that they have become acquainted with on the Internet without parent/guardian permission.
C. The student will not respond to any message that makes them uncomfortable and they will show it to an adult immediately.
D. The student will not share their login names or password with other students or friends.

Inappropriate Material:
A. The student will not deliberately access inappropriate material or sites. Pornography, gambling, dating, shopping sites or violent games are off limits.
B. The student will tell an adult immediately if they accidentally access inappropriate material.
C. The student will not believe everything they read on the Internet. They will always check the source of the information with an adult to determine if the facts and information is correct.

Network Resources:

    A. The student will not download large files without the permission of an adult.

    B. The student will only use the network and computers for school related activities.

    C. The student will not print any information without the permission of an adult.

    D. The student will not open emails, files, links, pictures or games without the permission of an adult as these may contain viruses.

    E. The student will not install any software, shareware, or fireware without the permission of a teacher or administrator.

Disciplinary Procedures:

    A. Access to NCCS's computers, networks or the Internet is a privilege, not a right. Any misuse will result in disciplinary action.

    B. If the student violates this policy, they will have an opportunity to provide an explanation to the school administration.

    C. Serious violations will result in the restriction and suspension of network privileges and/or suspension from school.

    D. Legal authorities will be notified if illegal activities are suspected.