



Student Internet Usage Policy

While the major focus of this policy will address internet access, this policy applies to all forms of information technology used and operated by Mooresville Christian Academy (MCA). MCA provides access to information technology and the internet to further its educational goals and objectives. Parents should be aware that student account holders have the potential to access unacceptable material while using the internet; however, the school's and the school system's access guidelines are in place to prevent students from potentially accessing unacceptable material while in school.

Unacceptable materials are deemed to be sites which contain information that is pornographic in nature, defamatory, grossly inaccurate, or potentially offensive to users. If a student happens to access an inappropriate site accidentally, he/she must immediately notify a teacher or staff member of the site so that it can be added to the internet filtering software. Furthermore, students and parents must understand that provided internet access is a privilege, not a right, and the management, faculty, and administrative staff of MCA may deny, revoke, or suspend specific user accounts, access, and privileges as a result of irresponsible or inappropriate behavior.

MCA makes no warranty with respect to network services and specifically assumes no responsibilities for:

- Content of any advice of information received by a student from an outside source.
- Costs, liability, or damages caused by the way the student chooses to use his/her network access.
- Privacy of electronic mail, which cannot be guaranteed and should not be used for confidential correspondence.
- Any consequences of service interruptions or changes, even if these disruptions arise from circumstances under the control of MCA.

MCA deems the following behavior inappropriate when a network user is:

- Sending, by any means, personal information to any internet contact.
- Willfully transmitting or receiving information containing pornography, hate literature/graphics, offensive or obscene literature/graphics, pirated software/programs, hacking software/tools, or viruses.
- Downloading and/or installing programs/software on any network computer(s).
- Accessing the files or account information of another network user.
- Violating network security.
- Willfully damaging or removing components or data of any network computer.

As a student, I have read and understand this document regarding the Responsible Use of Technology for MCA.

Student Signature

As a parent/ guardian, I have read and understand this document regarding Responsible Use of Technology for MCA. I understand that my son/daughter/dependent will be accessing the internet using computer technology while inside an educational facility and will exhibit proper behavior accordingly. I understand the consequences of my child's/dependent's inappropriate technology usage.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Student Social Media Policy

Introduction

Blogs, social networks and Websites such as *Facebook, Flickr, LinkedIn, MySpace, Ustream, Blogger, Wordpress, Twitter, Wikipedia, YouTube, Tinder, Instagram, Kik* and other emerging sites are new channels to share knowledge, express creativity and connect with others who share your interests.

All *students* are expected to serve as positive ambassadors for Mooresville Christian Academy. Any use of social networking sites or blogs creates a risk of impacting your personal testimony and Christian witness. It is vital that you conduct yourself in a way that does not change your standing as a student at MCA.

Definitions

- A. Blog
A blog is a type of website, usually maintained by an individual with regular entries of commentary, descriptions of events, or other materials such as graphics or videos. Wordpress is an example of a blogging service.
- B. Facebook
Facebook is a free-access social networking website that users can join to connect and interact with other people or organizations.
- C. Social Media or Social Media Networking
A social media or social media networks, such as Facebook, focuses on building an online community of shared interests and activities. Most social networks are web-based and provide a variety of users to interact.
- D. Twitter
Twitter is a social networking and micro-blogging service that enables users to send and read other users updates, known as 'tweets'. Tweets are text postings which are displayed on the user's profile page and delivered to other users who have subscribed to them (knowns as 'followers'/'tweeps'). Tweets can also be sent and received with cell phones.
- E. YouTube
YouTube is a free video-sharing website on which users can upload, share and view videos.
- F. Other
This is not an all-inclusive, exhausting list and there are other social networking sites that these guidelines encompass.

Conclusion

Due to the constant changing landscape of social media networks, this document will be periodically updated to reflect current trends, norms, and best practices in the use of social media.

While the use of these sites are commonplace, it is important that, as a student of Mooresville Christian Academy, you conduct yourself in an appropriate manner to avoid any unintended situations that could adversely affect your standing and enrollment at MCA. These guidelines are not intended to restrict your participation but rather to provide some protection if you choose to engage in online activities.

These guidelines are not intended to be all encompassing. Violation of policies, rules, guidelines may result in detention, suspension and in some cases dismissal.