Evergreen Christian School
Student Technology Contract

We are pleased to offer students of Evergreen Christian School access to our computer network. To use this resource, students and parents must read this contract and then sign and return the ECS Parent Signature Page the first week of school.

Computers are provided to students to conduct and complete school related research and assignments. We have included with this contract a list of behaviors we expect from all students while working in the computer lab and the consequences for violations of the rules. It is not possible for us to provide direct supervision of all students at all times. Our network has a filter, but there is always the potential for accessing material that is not acceptable in an educational context. Therefore, access to the internet requires all users to uphold the highest level of personal responsibility and academic ethics at all times.

Rules of Acceptable Use

A. General Use: Access to ECS computer system is a privilege, not a right.

- Noncompliance with our policies may result in suspension or termination of privileges.
- Teachers will not allow students to have access to any non-educational, restricted, password-protected programs.
- System users are prohibited from changing any computer settings or configurations including background setups.
- System users may not install any software, including but not limited to commercial software, shareware, freeware, original software and/or utilities onto school computers. All software installed on school computers must be licensed and installed by ECC/ECS Staff. This includes games.
- ECS has the right to determine who will be given access to the computer network.
- No games, shopping, social networks or email will be permitted.
- No food or drinks permitted in the Technology Lab.

B. Internet/Electronic Communications Use:

- Access to the Internet will be made available to students for instructional purposes.
- Electronic communications are not private. Network administrators may review logs of Internet sites visited to verify appropriate use.
- Using the network in such a way that would disrupt the use of the network by other users is prohibited. This includes instant messaging or use of the command prompt.

C. Computer Ethics:

- System users must abide by copyright laws.
- Any attempts to harm, modify, or destroy school equipment or materials, another user's data, or any other networks that are connected to the Internet is prohibited as a violation of school policy.
- Students/Parents will be financially responsible for any damages to technology equipment damaged by the student.

D. Personal Safety

- Revealing personal information without the permission of a teacher is not allowed.
- Students should not make appointments to meet people they meet through the internet.
- Students should notify teachers if anything threatening or dangerous pops up on their screen.

E. Consequences:

- ECS requires students to make decisions based on honesty, truth, and integrity. We want and expect trust and responsibility. Violation of this trust is considered a serious offense and will subject the student to school discipline. All workstations, software, files, and messages residing on The Covenant School network are the property of the school.
- We expect our students to abide by these policies. Violation of any of the policies described above will result in disciplinary actions which could include meeting with student, meeting with student and parents, loss of computer, computer lab privileges, detention, suspension, expulsion.

F. Disclaimer of Liability:

- ECS is not liable for users' inappropriate use of electronic resources or violations of copyright restrictions, users' mistakes or negligence, or costs incurred by users. The school will not be responsible for ensuring the accuracy or usability of any information found on the Internet. If a chromebook has been damaged by the student, the repair cost will be added to the parent/guardian billing statement.

G. Social Media

- Before allowing your student to sign up for any social media, please check the age requirement. Because we encourage honesty in our students, students will be asked to remove themselves if participating before age appropriate in any social media and parents/guardian will be notify for confirmation. Because not all parents allow their child(ren) to use social media, students will not be allowed to share their social media with any other students while on campus at any time or at any ECS events whether or not they are at the required age.

COPPA Our school uses Khan Academy, an online learning tool that students K-8th grade will use to refine their skills in math. This program provides educational videos, challenges & assessments on numerous topics.

To access Khan Academy, students need to be given Google Apps for Education accounts for sign-in and point-tracking purposes. With this account, they will have limited access to its services which will only include Google Drive. Students will have NO access to the other apps that Google Apps offers, including email and Google+. Please take a moment to look at the website we will be using: http://www.google.com/enterprise/apps/education/, as well as what personal information the site collects: https://www.google.com/edu/privacy.html.

Before using this tool, we wanted to make you aware of federal regulations that apply to operators of websites and require parental consent when they collect information on children under 13, as described

below. In order for students to use this program/service, certain personal information must be provided to the web site operator. Under the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA), these websites must provide parental notification and obtain parental consent before collecting personal information from children under the age of 13. For more information on COPPA, please visit http://www.ftc.gov/privacy/coppafaqs.shtm.

Schools are permitted to consent to the collection of personal information on behalf of parents of students, thereby eliminating the need for individual parental consent given directly to the web site operator. Before doing so, ECC\ECS is providing you with this notice and opportunity to opt out.

Because of how a Google Apps for Education account works and how it's used to sign into Khan Academy, neither service requires any information beyond the username the student is provided with. This being said, your child's full name, date of birth, and school information will not and cannot be provided to either service. Our goal here at ECS is to give you peace of mind as we strive to protect your child's identity.

After reviewing this information, if you would NOT like your child to have their own Google Apps for Education account, please contact Evergreen Christian School before 9-23-18. If we do not hear from you otherwise, we will create a Google Apps for Education account for your student. If your child was here last year, and you did not opt out, they already have an account created and no further contact is necessary. Also, if you opted out last year and would like to opt your child in this year, please let us know in the front office.

Agreement:

When you sign the ECS Parent/Student Signature Page you are stating that you understand and will abide by Evergreen Christian Schools Acceptable Use of Technology Policy stated in this contract. You also understand noncompliance with the rules and regulations may result in meeting with student, meeting with parent and student, loss of computer privileges, suspension, expulsion and other disciplinary actions consistent with school policies.