

# **Riverview Lutheran School**

## **Acceptable Use Policy for Technology**

*“Partnering with parents in our congregation and community  
to prepare children for eternal life in Christ and earthly lives of service to Him.”*

### **Please read this document carefully.**

Computer usage and internet access are available to students of Riverview Lutheran School. Riverview Lutheran’s computer network was established for a limited educational purpose, including classroom activities, skills development, and high-quality discovery activities. With access to computers and users all over the world also comes the availability of material that may not be considered to be of educational value, and may even be sinful or illegal. RLS has taken precautions to restrict access to controversial materials. However, on a global network it is impossible to control all materials. Since there is no way to completely block undesirable sites, students will only be allowed on the internet under the supervision of a teacher or staff member. We believe that it is imperative to teach our students about making Christian choices so they will be better suited to make the same type of value judgments as adults.

### **Appropriate Use of School Technology**

- Students are to treat computers and related equipment with care so no damage is done.
- Student computer usage is not private. Student’s usage can and will be monitored.
- Students may only download files with authorization from faculty.
- Students may only use outside data sources (e.g. USB drives or CD ROMs) on the computer systems with authorization from faculty or staff.
- Students who unintentionally discover any objectionable or un-Christian material on the internet or any other computer resource are to immediately leave the site or exit the resource and report the incident to a teacher or staff member.
- Students are to use their time on the computer efficiently, staying on task and limiting time so that others may have access.
- Students are to respect the copyright laws and other intellectual property rights. Use of copyright material may be illegal.
- Students are to do all research in pursuit of educational goals, reflecting Christian principles.
- Students may only use school printers for educational purposes and only with the permission of a teacher or staff member.

### **Inappropriate Use of Computers and the Internet**

- Intentionally tampering with, damaging, or destroying equipment, data, software, or settings (including changing passwords, backgrounds, screen savers, etc.).
- Using the computers or internet without the permission of a teacher or staff member or for a purpose other than that for which permission was given.
- Accessing or using an account other than one’s own assigned account.
- Accessing email accounts or social networking sites using the school network.
- Sending or receiving obscene or sinful material.
- Engaging in illegal or un-Christian activities.

### **Consequences for Unacceptable Use of Computers or the Internet**

- The privilege of using the computers and/or the internet will be temporarily suspended or permanently revoked.
- Parents may be held financially liable for damage done by their children through willful or careless behavior.
- Appropriate consequences for intentional offenses will be administered as deemed necessary by the teacher and principal.
- Criminal acts will be referred to the proper government authority.

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**Acceptable Use Agreement for Technology**

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**Student Agreement**

I have read the Riverview Lutheran School Acceptable Use Policy for Technology. I agree to follow this policy while using technology and accessing the internet at Riverview and at home for educational purposes. I understand that using RLS computers and access to the internet is a privilege reserved for school related, educational purposes. I also understand that this privilege can be revoked by the technology coordinator and/or principal if I do not follow the acceptable use guidelines.

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_ (please print)      Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Parent/Guardian Agreement**

As a parent or guardian of a student at Riverview Lutheran School I have read the Acceptable Use Policy for Technology. I understand this agreement will be kept on file at the school and am fully aware of the consequences that may result from any misuse of the technology resources at RLS by my child. By signing this agreement, I give my child permission to use the Riverview network and internet according to the rules outlined. I also give my child permission to attend virtual classes with a Riverview teacher.

Parent's name: \_\_\_\_\_ (please print)

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_      Date: \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_