

# *Country Christian School*

## *Technology Policies*

### Cell Phone Policy

While cell phones are a convenience to our society, they are a privilege to have in a school setting. Because of the disruption to the educational process, cell phone use is not allowed by students at Country Christian from the time they arrive on campus until the last bell of the school day. If a student brings a cell phone to school, it is to be kept in the student's locker on silent or turned off throughout the duration of school hours. If a student is found to have a cell phone on his/her person – whether being used or not – it will be confiscated and given to the administration. Disciplinary actions will result in the following:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Offense: Parents will be notified, \$10 fee will be charge to get the phone back, and the phone will be returned to the parents.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense: Parents will be notified, \$20 fee will be charged to get the phone back, the phone will be returned to the parents, and the student will serve one day of in-house detention.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense: Parents will be notified, \$30 fee will be charged to get the phone back, the phone will be returned to the parents, and the student will serve three days of in-house detention.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Offense: Automatic suspension pending board review for display of continual rebellion to the code of conduct.

Also, please be aware that cell phones (as well as any property brought onto campus) are subject to search and seizure by the administration at any time.

### Computer Policy

Use of the Internet provides great educational benefits to students. Unfortunately, however, some material accessible via the Internet may contain items that are illegal, defamatory, or potentially offensive to some people. Access to the Internet is given as a privilege to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. We require that students and parents or guardians read, accept, and sign the following rules for acceptable online behavior.

School computers are not to be considered personal computers. They are to be used for school related research and assignments. If a student brings a personal computer or laptop from home, it can only be used for academic purposes. Students are responsible for good behavior on the Internet just as they are in school. General school rules for behavior and communications apply.

1. Network storage areas may be treated like school lockers. Network administrators may review files and communications to maintain system integrity and ensure that users are using the system responsibly. Users should not expect that files would always be private.
2. The following are not permitted:
  - a. Sending or displaying offensive, immoral, or pornographic messages or pictures
  - b. Using obscene language
  - c. Harassing, insulting, or attacking others
  - d. Damaging computers, computer systems, or computer networks
  - e. Violating copyright laws
  - f. Using another's password
  - g. Trespassing in another's folders, work or files
  - h. Altering or deleting another person's folders, work, or files
3. Violations may result in a loss of access as well as other disciplinary or legal action.

As the parent or legal guardian of the student(s), I understand that the Internet provides a vast resource to enhance academia. I understand that although Country Christian has implemented a filtering system to prevent objectionable material from being accessed, there are no absolute guarantees. I understand that some materials on the internet may be objectionable, but I accept responsibility for providing guidance to the above student on internet use both inside and outside of the school setting, and for conveying standards for the above student to follow when selecting, sharing, or exploring information and media.

Student(s) Initial \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Initial \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_