

Zion Lutheran School Acceptable Technology Use Policy & Agreement

Grades Preschool-8th

The use of technology at Zion Lutheran School is an integral part of a student's Christian education. The students and staff at Zion Lutheran School also have access to the Internet. These technologies offer vast, diverse, and unique resources to both the students and staff. The goal in providing this service to the students and staff is to provide another avenue to assist in the Christian education process by facilitating resource sharing, innovation and communication. Zion's staff will make every effort to guide and supervise students in the appropriate selection and use of electronic resources.

The use of technology and the Internet is a privilege, not a right. Inappropriate use will result in a loss of those privileges and, potentially, other disciplinary action. Students will be held responsible for their actions and activity while using technology at Zion Lutheran School.

SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY GUIDELINES

1. Technology should be used in a way that will treat other people in a God pleasing manner. Therefore, the sending of harassing or degrading messages, using files and email to bear false witness or spread rumors about someone, or posting anonymous messages or personal communications without the original author's consent is prohibited. Any use of the computer, which demeans another person, whether they are other students, teachers, staff, or parents, in a manner that is contrary to God's Word, will not be tolerated.
2. Interfering with the work of another student or a teacher is prohibited. Students may not degrade or disrupt the normal function of hardware or software so that the performance of these items is damaged. Neither may students use technology in such a way that it is disruptive or harmful to the teacher, students, and classroom environment. Similarly, any student who uses a computer in a manner that is outside the parameters established by the teacher is subject to disciplinary action.
3. The privacy of other people, whether they are fellow students or teachers, is to be respected. Any invasion of the privacy of another person is a violation of the Technology Use Policy. Students may not intentionally access the account, messages, files, or work of another student or teacher, nor alter any of these in any way.
4. Students using technology are expected to uphold the 7th commandment. It is illegal to violate copyright laws. Copying of program files (as opposed to personal word processing files, or other student work) is prohibited except with the approval of the teacher and their personal supervision.
5. Students are to use technology only as instructed by their teacher. Students may not attempt to gain any unauthorized access to resources, programs, or online sites. Similarly, students are expected to maintain individual computer settings. These settings (such as the background, icons, screen savers, etc.) may not be altered without permission of the instructor.
6. Students may not use the technology at ZLS for their own financial or commercial gain.
7. Personal information of any kind about himself or herself or another person (students, teachers, parents, etc.) may not be transmitted. This includes full name, home telephone or cellphone numbers and addresses as well as information regarding the location of any student at any given time.
8. Students may not use any Internet feature, including the World Wide Web or email without the direct personal supervision of the classroom teacher, teacher's aide, or authorized adult. Direct personal supervision means that the teacher (or other qualified individual) is present in the classroom or computer lab and is actively monitoring the work of the student.
9. Students are expected to maintain a Christ-like demeanor at all times. Therefore, no text, image, movie, or sound that contains obscene material or language that offends or degrades others will be allowed.

10. Students are prohibited from accessing or participating in chat rooms, including instant messaging, or Facebook, Instagram, Snap Chat or any other social media application, from any school device.
11. Students may not access any site which threatens, demeans, or promotes violence or hatred against a person or a group of persons with regard to race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability or handicap.
12. Students may not access any site which promotes violence or destruction of property or provides knowledge of tools for such destruction.
13. The Zion Lutheran School staff and administration will be the arbiter of what constitutes abusive, obscene, and "educationally inappropriate".
14. The teachers and administration reserve the right to search and file on the school network at any time.

Possible consequences for violations of the Acceptable Technology Use Policy include:

- a. withholding privileges
- b. detention(s)
- c. suspension
- d. expulsion

Zion Lutheran School Acceptable Technology Use Agreement 2020-2021

Please sign and return this form as your promise to abide by Zion Lutheran School's Technology Use Policy. A completed signature agreement must be on file before students may use the school's technological devices.

Student

I understand and will abide by the Technology Acceptable Use Agreement of Zion Lutheran School. I further understand that any violation of the regulations above is unethical and may constitute a criminal offense. Should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked, school disciplinary action may be taken, and/or appropriate legal action may be instituted.

Student: _____ Grade: _____ Date: _____

Parent or Guardian

As the parent or guardian of the student named above, I have read the Technology Acceptable Use Agreement. I understand that technology access is designed for educational purposes, and I recognize it is impossible for Zion Lutheran School to restrict access to all controversial materials. I will not hold Zion Lutheran School (or any of its personnel) responsible for materials acquired on the network. Further, I accept responsibility for supervision if and when my child's use of downloaded material is not in a school setting. I hereby give my permission to allow Internet access for my child.

Parent or Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____