



# Internet Acceptable Use Policy

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Internet access at Zion Lutheran School is available to support learning, enhance instruction, and support school business practices. Families are cautioned, however, that some material accessible via the Internet may contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate, or potentially offensive to Christian people. Our intent is to make Internet access available to further educational goals and objectives as well as to apply technology to the practice and proclamation of the Gospel.

Even though we have taken precautions to restrict access to controversial materials, students may, accidentally or purposefully, find ways to access other materials. Nevertheless, we believe that the benefits to students from access to the Internet, in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration exceed the disadvantages. Ultimately, parents and others responsible for minor students are accountable for establishing and communicating the standards that their children should follow when using media and information sources. This document establishes the standards that Zion Lutheran School will use and enforce within its Technology Program.

## Internet access for students is a privilege, not a right. All users of the Internet are prohibited from using school Internet resources or accounts for the following:

1. To access, upload, download, or distribute obscene or sexually explicit material.
2. To transmit or receive obscene, abusive, or sexually explicit language.
3. To violate copyright laws or any local, state, or federal statute.
4. To modify, vandalize, damage, or disable the property of the school, another person, or organization.
5. To seek information on, obtain copies of, or modify files, other data, or passwords belonging to other users, or misrepresent other users on the system, or attempt to gain unauthorized access to the system.
6. Any vandalism, unauthorized access, "hacking," or tampering with hardware or software, including "viruses" or pirated software, is strictly prohibited (California Penal Code, Section 502).
7. To employ or use the Internet for commercial purposes.
8. To harass, insult, or verbally attack others.
9. To utilize the school's technology in any other manner not in keeping with the Christian standards of the school.

Student Initials:
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Parent Initials:
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## World Wide Web Internet Rules

1. Do NOT give out personal information (your own or any other person's) such as your last name, address, telephone number, parents' work address or telephone number, or the name and location of our school, without permission.
2. Do NOT enter CHAT areas. At some sites there may be an opportunity to enter a chat line. You are NOT to do this.
3. At some sites, there are questionnaires to fill out. You are NOT to do this without permission from your teacher or the principal.
4. At some sites, there is advertising. There may be order forms to purchase something. You are NOT to fill out any of these forms.
5. You may not enter or attempt to enter social networking sites such as MySpace or Facebook, or similar websites without permission from the teacher or principal.

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If you arrive at a site that is offensive in any way, use the [BACK] button to leave the site and report it immediately to the teacher or principal.

## Computer Code of Conduct

Use of the computer, which includes the Internet, shall be in support of education and research that is consistent with the mission of the school. Internet use is limited to those students who have completed the appropriate agreement form and have received approval. Users of the computer comply with the following guidelines:

1. Use the computer in such a way that it does not disrupt or interfere with its use by others. **(Students may not change any desktop settings and/or move any files or icons without permission.)**
2. Be ethical and courteous and only use your password.
3. Treat information created by others as the private property of the creator **(students may not access other students work).**
4. Use the computer to access and store only educationally relevant material.
5. Treat computer hardware and software with respect and proper care. **(Students may not move or unplug computer components without permission.)**
6. Never make appointments to meet people in person contacted on the Internet without school and parent permission.
7. Notify the teacher or other adult about information or messages that are inappropriate, dangerous, or make you feel uncomfortable.
8. Conserve system resources. **(Students may not save large files onto school computers without permission.)**

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Each student is responsible for storing their own files within their respective [www.edmodo.com](http://www.edmodo.com) account via the internet. Students may also save their files to an alternate storage device to work on them at home. The protection of student files saved on the school server or school hard drives can not be guaranteed and may be purged at any time by school personnel.

Nothing in these regulations is intended to preclude the supervised use of the system while under the direction of a teacher or other approved user acting in conformity with school policy and procedure.

Zion Lutheran School reserves the right to revoke a user's access, as well as take disciplinary or legal action if it is determined the user is engaged in unauthorized activity or is violating this agreement.

I agree to the Zion Lutheran School Acceptable Use Policy, Computer Code of Conduct, and the World Wide Web Internet Guidelines. Further, I will strive to act in all situations with honesty, integrity, and respect for the rights of others and to help others behave in a similar fashion. I will make a conscious effort to be a good testimony to my fellow students, faculty members, and others I communicate with on the Internet. I will strive to apply Philippians 4:8 to my electronic communications and Internet use: *"Finally brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things."*

I understand that if I violate the Internet Acceptable Use Policy rules, my privileges can be terminated, and I may face other disciplinary measures. Possible consequences for violations of the school technology use policy include:

- withholding privileges
- in-school isolation
- out-of-school suspension
- expulsion

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Student Name (Please Print)

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Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

As a parent or legal guardian of the student signing above, I have read the Internet Acceptable Use Policy, Computer Code of Conduct, and the World Wide Web Internet Guidelines and grant permission for my son or daughter to access the Internet. I understand that the school's computing resources are designed for educational purposes. I also understand that there are unacceptable and controversial materials on the Internet that might be accessed despite all the precautions. I understand that my son or daughter will be held liable for violations of this policy.

I hereby release Zion Lutheran School, its personnel, and any institutions with which it is affiliated, from any and all claims and damages of any nature arising from my child's use of, or inability to use, the Internet system, including, but not limited to claims that may arise from the unauthorized use of the system to purchase products or services.

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Parent/Guardian Name (Please Print)

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date

**Please remember to initial each section on the front side of this form and return form to Pam Thomas, IT Coordinator/Technology Teacher.**