



Bishop Montgomery High School Computer and Information Services

Acceptable Usage Policy

Introduction

Bishop Montgomery High School strives to teach students how to use evolving technology as a tool to complement learning and understand its application in their lives. In pursuit of this goal, the school has installed state of the art computer hardware and software in the library and in classrooms and has provided high-speed access to the Internet. Having done so, we want our students to gain all the educational benefits made possible by these extraordinary technological innovations. It is important, however, that students realize that we will not tolerate the abuse or misuse of the expensive computer equipment we have provided for them. We regard such activity as a form of electronic vandalism. Likewise, we want them to realize that while we actively encourage them to access the internet for purposes of legitimate educational research and information gathering, we will not permit them to engage in activity that is frivolous, abusive, profane, sexually oriented or illegal. Students will be held strictly accountable for violating any of the provisions of this contract.

Computer Use and Internet Access Regulations

Students may not...

1. Install unauthorized programs or software
2. Remove or copy programs installed by the technology coordinator
3. Recklessly or maliciously interfere with or damage computer/network resources, computer data, files, or other information
4. Use profanity, obscene language, inflammatory speech, harass or threaten individuals or classes of individuals, or make personal attacks on anyone using this resource
5. Engage in any illegal or commercial activity, vandalism, destruction or tampering using this resource
6. Reproduce, display or distribute copyrighted material, software or sound recording without permission
7. Use the computers or Internet without obtaining and displaying their ASB Card which has been registered with the Bishop Montgomery High School Department of Computer and Information Services
8. Create, read or send, personal email
9. Give anyone else's name, address, or phone number over the Internet
10. Initiate or promulgate chain letters or other types of electronic messages, subvert or obstruct a computer or network by introducing a virus, tap phone lines or other network cables, supply false or misleading information to access computer or network systems
11. Download or post to school computers any material which is illegal, proprietary, indecent, in violation of copyright laws, or damaging to the school, or the students
12. Load, view, distribute, or otherwise use the school facilities for the purpose of obtaining, forwarding, viewing, or saving indecent materials. (Knowingly uploading or downloading child pornography is a federal offense.)

Penalties for Computer Use and/or Internet Access Violations

Any user who is found to be in violation of these rules may be subject to the following:

- Suspension/termination of computer use privileges
- Official review of the violation by the Dean's office
- Referral to civil authorities for criminal prosecution
- Other legal action including action to recover civil damages and penalties

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Computer Access Release Form

There are multiple computers in Bishop Montgomery High School's Library/media center, computer lab, and classrooms available for student use in both instructional and less supervised settings. Some of these computers have access to a wide range of educational materials by means of computer networks or online services. As a parent/guardian of the student listed below, I understand and accept that the school staff cannot individually monitor all of the information that my student is able to access, download or transmit at these computers. I also accept that it is impossible for the school staff to completely prevent access to inappropriate or controversial materials.

My student and I have discussed this topic, read the attached acceptable usage policy, and understand that the accessing, saving or distribution of inappropriate or controversial materials will not be tolerated. The accessing, saving or distribution of such material may result in my student's loss of computer use at school and may also result in other disciplinary action by the school in accord with the policies and procedures contained in the Parent-Student Handbook.

Please complete and sign this form and return it to Bishop Montgomery High School by Friday, August 28, 2009.

_____ I give my son/daughter permission to access the school's computer network or online services and have instructed him/her to follow the posted regulations in each lab.

_____ I do not give permission to my son/daughter to use the computer to access network or online services. Since the school cannot always prevent student access to such services, I have directed my son/daughter not to access network or online services.

_____ For identified medical/health reasons, I have instructed my son/daughter not to use a computer for more than _____ hours per school day.

I release and hold the teachers, staff members, Bishop Montgomery High School, and the Archdiocese of Los Angeles harmless and not legally liable for the use of computers or for materials distributed to or acquired from the school's computers.

Parent Name

Signature

Date

Student Name

Signature

Date

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