

**Good Shepherd Catholic School
Acceptable Use Policy
For Technology Assets and Services**

In order to expand and facilitate teaching and learning, Good Shepherd Catholic School (GS) supports the use of school-provided technology assets and services, including but not limited to computers, mobile labs, laptops as well as access to the Internet and other electronic information, programs, textbooks, services, and networks (collectively, the "GS Technology Assets and Services"). GS's goals in providing the GS Technology Assets and Services to students are to stimulate creativity and innovation; encourage communication and collaboration; promote research and information fluency; support critical thinking, problem solving and decision-making; and teach digital citizenship.

Access to the GS Technology Assets and Services is a privilege and not a right. In making decisions regarding student access to the GS Technology Assets and Services, GS will consider its educational mission, goals and objectives. Any inappropriate, unauthorized or illegal use of the GS Technology Assets and Services may result in cancellation of some or all privileges and will result in appropriate disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion and possible referral to law enforcement.

Access to GS Technology Assets and Services

At school, students utilizing GS Technology Assets and Services must first have the permission of and be supervised by GS's professional staff. Students utilizing GS Technology Assets and Services are responsible for appropriate behavior, just as they are in a classroom or any other area of the school. The same general rules for behavior and communications apply.

The following uses of GS Technology Assets and Services are not permitted. This list is not exclusive and should be used as a guideline for appropriate use.

- To access, upload, download or distribute pornographic, obscene or sexual explicit material;
- To transmit obscene, abusive, sexually explicit or threatening language;
- To violate any local, state or federal statute;
- To vandalize, damage or disable the property of another individual or organization, including GS's networks and systems;
- To access another individual's materials, information or files without permission;
- To violate copyright or otherwise use the intellectual property of another individual or organization without permission;
- To attempt to gain access to server information not open to the public;
- To use chat rooms, instant messaging, or social gaming sites.
- To use access for political or commercial purposes;
- To allow any person other than the account holder to use the student's GS account;
- To reveal identifying information (name, age, address, phone #, photo, parents' names) for yourself or another without your teacher's permission;
- To engage in any use that disrupts the educational or administrative goals of GS.

GS makes no warranties of any kind, neither expressed nor implied, for the GS Technology Assets and Services it is providing. GS will not be responsible for any damages users suffer, including, but not limited to, loss of data resulting from delays or interruptions in services. GS also will not be responsible for the accuracy, nature or quality of information gathered through school-provided Internet access. Further, GS will not be responsible for personal property used to

access school computers or networks or for school-provided Internet access. Finally, GS will not be responsible for unauthorized financial obligations resulting from students' use of GS Technology Assets and Services.

Good Shepherd Catholic School (GS) provides GS Technology Assets and Services, as defined in the Acceptable Use Policy in the Parent Student Handbook, to students in an effort to further GS's educational mission and goals. While the school may institute auditing and compliance programs to regulate students' use of the GS Technology Assets and Services, including the Internet, students may find ways to access materials or to use GS Technology Assets and Services not in compliance with GS's Acceptable Use Policy.

Ultimately, parents and guardians of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using media and information sources. While doing school-related research outside of school, families bear responsibility for the same guidance of Internet use as they exercise with information sources such as television, radio, movies, etc. Families should be aware that some material accessible via the Internet might contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate, or potentially offensive. In addition, it is possible to purchase certain goods and services via the Internet, which could result in unwanted financial obligations for which a student's parent or guardian would be liable.

As a parent or guardian of a student at GS, I have read the Acceptable Use Policy and the above information. I understand that the school reserves the absolute right to access students' data on mobile labs, laptops, computer stations or networks at any time without prior notice or consent. I also understand that all students are required to strictly adhere to the school's Acceptable Use Policy and that any violation will result in appropriate disciplinary action up to and including expulsion and referral to law enforcement authorities. I agree to indemnify GS from any losses, costs or damages, including reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred by GS relating to or arising out of any breach of this Acceptable Use Policy, including any copyright violations.

NAME (print): _____ DATE: _____
Parent/Guardian

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____
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