

LIBERTY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL STUDENT TECHNOLOGY

SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY POLICY

This policy is geared for every student who has access to technology at home or at school. A Technology Agreement must be signed by both the Parent/Guardian and the Student each year.

Elementary and Secondary School

Liberty Christian School believes that access to current technology is essential in providing an excellent education. The use of technology aids in allowing teachers more differentiated instruction for students as well as additional tools for instructional strategies. Using more technology consistently also helps prepare our student body for the post-secondary world, whether that is vocational or college. Research supports increased student motivation with the use of technology; it leads to better engagement, which results in improved student achievement. This policy is designed to give students the academic benefits of technology while minimizing any potential danger. Allowing the use of technology in the classroom is considered a privilege for both students and the teacher.

Every student agrees to the following rules:

- No school or personal electronic device on campus shall be considered private. School officials are authorized to access any student's device or work at any time while on campus. The school shall have the right and ability to recall all sites accessed by students.
- The school shall maintain site-blocking software to block inappropriate sites.
- Students will only access the Internet from an electronic device when a teacher is available to monitor the students' activities. Teachers will monitor students' use of technology at all times. Teachers have the autonomy to determine whether technology will be used in their classrooms at any time.
- Students will face disciplinary action for texting, posting, sending, receiving, forwarding, or participating in any of the following activities while on campus, or when representing Liberty Christian School, via a cell phone, computer, or any other electronic device:
 - Attempt to bypass any site-blocking hardware or software
 - Access anything which goes against the Statement of Faith, Mission, Vision, and/or Core Values of Liberty Christian School, including but not limited to:
 - Inappropriate language
 - Obscenities;
 - Profanities;
 - Lewd comments or vulgarities; or
 - Any irreverence for God, Jesus Christ, and those things held to be holy by the Word of God
 - Cyberbullying
 - Harassing statements, personal attacks, or discriminatory language;
 - Knowingly false, abusive, or defamatory comments; or
 - Inflammatory, threatening, or disrespectful language
 - Sexually explicit or suggestive messages, photos, or images (sexting):
 - Sending, receiving, sharing, possessing, or viewing pictures, text messages, or e-mails that contain a sexual message or image;
 - Pornography
 - Trespassing by accessing another person's folders or files on a device
- While on campus, a student shall not:
 - Interact (i.e. sending and/or receiving messages) with other Internet sites without teacher supervision and/or authorization;
 - Use another person's password;
 - Violate copyright laws;
 - Buy or sell anything via the Internet; or
 - Change any of the computers' settings
- Students are required to immediately report any such known activities to a teacher or a school administrator. Reporting may be anonymous.
- Violating the technology policy will result in school discipline, up to and including expulsion. Appropriate local, state, and federal laws will be followed and law enforcement will be contacted, if necessary.
- Liberty Christian School is not liable for what is broadcast, exchanged, and/or viewed on school-owned or personal electronic devices that would violate state or federal law. Liberty Christian School will cooperate with law enforcement investigations and has the right to lawfully search any school-owned or personal electronic devices, which may be turned over to law enforcement when warranted.

CELL PHONE POLICY

Elementary School

Students are permitted to keep a cell phone in their backpacks or lockers. Cell phones may NOT be turned on or carried during the school day. Elementary students are not permitted to use their cell phones during Kids' Club After-School Care. The first offense of misuse will result in the phone being confiscated until the end of the day. The second offense will result in the phone being held in the main office until claimed by a parent. The third offense will result in loss of the privilege to have a cell phone on campus at any time.

Secondary School

Students are permitted to keep cell phones with them during the school day to facilitate communication and possible evacuation during an emergency. Phones need to be out of sight (in the backpack or locker) and turned off. They are only allowed when specified by teachers/chaperones. The first offense of misuse will result in the phone being confiscated until the end of the day. The second offense will result in the phone being held in the main office until claimed by a parent. The third offense will result in loss of the privilege to have a cell phone on campus at any time.