

STUDENT COMPUTER AND INTERNET RULES

These rules are intended to provide general guidelines and examples of use. Failure to comply with these rules may result in loss of computer and internet access privileges, disciplinary and/ or legal action.

A. Computer Use is a Privilege, Not a Right

Students use of the North Rome Christian School computers, networks and Internet services is a privilege, not a right. Unacceptable use/activity may result in suspension or cancellation of privileges as well as additional disciplinary action and/or legal action.

B. Acceptable Use

Student access to the North Rome Christian School computers, networks, and Internet services are provided for educational purposes and research consistent with North Rome's educational mission, curriculum and instructional goals.

The same rules and expectations govern student use of computers as apply to other student conduct and communications.

Students are further expected to comply with these rules and all specific instructions from the teacher or other supervising staff member/volunteer when accessing the North Rome Christian School computers, networks and internet services.

C. Prohibited Use

The user is responsible for his/her actions and activities involving school unit computers, networks and internet services, and for his/her computer files. Examples of unacceptable uses that are expressly prohibited include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Accessing Inappropriate Materials – Accessing, submitting, posting, publishing, downloading, scanning or displaying materials that are defamatory, abusive, obscene, vulgar, sexually explicit, sexually suggestive, threatening, discriminatory, harassing and/or illegal;
2. Illegal Activities – Using the North Rome Christian School computers, networks and internet services for any illegal activity or that violated other Board policies, procedures and/or school rules.
3. Violating Copyrights – Copying or downloading copyrighted materials without the owner's permission.

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4. Plagiarism – Representing as one’s own work any material obtained on the internet (such as term papers, articles, etc.). When internet sources are used in student work, the author, publisher and web site must be identified.
5. Copying Software – Copying or downloading software without express authorization of the main computer teacher.
6. Non-School Related Uses – Using the North Rome Christian School computers, networks, and internet services for non-school related purposes such as financial gain; commercial, advertising or solicitation purposes, or for any personal use;
7. Misuse of Password/Unauthorized Access – Cracking passwords and accessing student’s files are prohibited;
8. Malicious Use/Vandalism – Any malicious use, disruption or harm to the North Rome Christian School computers, networks and internet services, including but not limited to hacking activities and creation/uploading of any computer viruses;
9. Unauthorized Access to Chat Rooms/News Groups/E-Mail accounts – Accessing chat rooms, news groups and all e-mail accounts is expressly prohibited.

D. No Expectation of Privacy

North Rome Christian School retains control, custody and supervision of all computers, networks and internet services owned or leased by the North Rome Christian School. The North Rome Christian School reserves the right to monitor all computer and internet activity by students. Students have no expectation of privacy in their use of school computers, including stored files.

E. Compensation for Losses, Costs, and/or Damages

The student and/or student’s parent/guardian shall be responsible for compensating the North Rome Christian School for any losses, costs or damages incurred by the North Rome Christian School Computer Classrooms related to violations of policy and these rules, including investigations of violations.

F. School Assumes No Responsibility for Charges, Costs or Illegal Use

The North Rome Christian School assumes no responsibility for compensating for any unauthorized charges made by students, including but not limited to credit card charges, long distance telephone charges, equipment and line cost, for any illegal use of its computers such as copyright violations.

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G. Student Security

A student shall not reveal his/her full name, address or telephone number on the internet without prior permission from a supervising teacher. Students should never meet people they have contacted through the internet without parental permission. North Rome Christian School reserved the right to contact parents if it becomes apparent that a student in any of the computer classes is pursuing a relationship with any individual that their parent/guardian may not be aware of. Students should inform their supervising teacher if they access information or messages that are dangerous, inappropriate or make them uncomfortable in any way.

H. Consequences of Violations

Consequences of violation include but are not limited to:

- Suspension of internet access
- Revocation of internet access
- Suspension of computer access
- Revocation of computer access
- School Suspension
- School Expulsion
- Legal action and prosecution by the authorities

I. North Rome Christian School assumes no responsibilities for:

1. The content of any advice or information received by a student from a source outside North Rome Christian School or any costs or charges incurred as a result of seeing or accepting such advice;
2. Any cost, liability or damages caused by the way the student from a source outside North Rome Christian School internet access;
3. Any consequences of service interruptions or charges, even if these disruptions arise from circumstances under the control of North Rome Christian School;
4. While North Rome Christian School supports the privacy of electronic mail, students must assume that this cannot be guaranteed.

Internet Access

Access to the Internet and World Wide Web will enable students to explore thousands of libraries, databases, and other repositories of information. Families should be aware that while our access is filtered, some materials accessible via the internet might contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate, or potentially offensive. Students are responsible for appropriate behavior on the school's computer network just as they are in a constructive educational goals, students may find ways to access other materials.

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Ultimately, faculty, parents and guardians of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using media and information sources. We believe that the benefits to students from access to the internet in the form of information resources exceed the disadvantages.

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USE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

No student will be allowed to use school computers or the internet until the student and parent/guardian have signed and returned this acknowledgement to the school.

Student:

I have read the North Rome Christian School Computer Policy regarding Computer/Internet Use and the Student Computer/Internet Rules and agree to comply with them.

I will not use any computer programs or floppy disks on any school computers.

Rules for acceptable Computer Use

I will not give out my last name or other personal information over the Internet. I will not publish my work on the Internet without teacher review and approval.

I will not play computer games during the school day unless permission is granted by North Rome Christian School Staff.

Signature of Student

Date

Parent/Guardian:

I have read the North Rome Christian School Computer Policy regarding Computer/Internet Use and the Student Computer/Internet Rule and understand that my son/daughter's use of the school computers is subject to compliance with these rules.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

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Parent's Permission for the publication of student work

Periodically, the school may wish to publish examples of student projects and other work on an internet accessible World Wide Web server. *Please note that last names will not be published.*

My child's work _____ be published on the internet.

- May
- May not

Student's Name (please print): _____

Grade _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date
