

The Unity Christian High School Technology Honor Code

Our world belongs to God, and includes all aspects of the technological world that we live in. As responsible caretakers of all the God has entrusted to us, we present this Technology Honor Code for your consideration and agreement. Users of these technologies will be expected to apply Unity Christian High School's Technology Honor Code to all technology-related activities, including the use of school computers, computer peripherals and network, while on and off-campus. As we guide young people "to serve both God and neighbor in all aspects of life", our hope is that technology will be one tool that will be used to "proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord of all." (quotations taken from Unity Christian High School's Mission Statement).

This Honor Code lays the foundation for the positive, honorable, and responsible use of technology. Examples of the types of technology-related activities that affirm our Honor Code are listed below. Any questions about the application of the Honor Code to technology should be directed to the Principal or Director of Technology.

Using technology honorably and responsibly includes:

- Using computers, software, and other information resources to support learning, complete school assignments, and gain a better understanding of information technology and its applications.
- Using the internet to perform research related to academic and extracurricular school functions, and to communicate with scholars, students, and specialists outside of campus to improve knowledge and advance academic work.
- Providing appropriate credit for any materials gathered using information technology, and using all resources according to Federal copyright laws.
- Using technology to collaborate with students and faculty for academic and extracurricular school functions.
- Seeking permission to record or photograph classroom presentations and activities.
- Respecting and encouraging each other online through words and media.
- Using God honoring language in online communications.
- Representing your own views, and not those of others, in any form of electronic communication.
- Owning your mistakes when confronted about technology misuse.
- Respecting the privacy of other computer accounts.
- Respecting your personal contact information and that of others.
- Respecting the registration policies of age-restricted online services (e.g., Facebook, MySpace, Twitter, etc.).
- Speaking with an adult you trust if you receive a message that is inappropriate or makes you feel uncomfortable.
- Using the school's file servers to store school-related and limited personal files.
- Protecting equipment (school-owned and loaned) from damage or theft.
- Respecting that network bandwidth, server disk space, and printer paper and toner are shared and limited resources.
- Supporting and respecting the school's computer security systems.

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Violations of the above standards may result in the following consequences depending upon the severity of the violation:

- Discussion about incident with student(s) involved.
- Meeting with an accountability mentor, an adult that a parent or school official has selected to contact you regarding your work on improving after a violation.
- Being required to leave your laptop at school for a period of time (ex: weekends, every night).
- Meeting with tech staff (might involve parent, counselor, and/or principal).
- Paying for excessive printing.
- Paying for damage to laptop.
- Changing filtering options to be more restrictive.

As a student, I understand and agree to the provisions and conditions of this Honor Code.

As a parent, I understand and agree to the provisions and conditions of this Honor Code. I grant permission for my son or daughter to use technology services (Google Apps, Moodle, school email, etc.) at Unity Christian.

*Both student and parent must sign and return this form to Unity's school office.

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

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