

CREST SCHOOLS ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

Crest School offers Internet access. The sole purpose of the Internet access is to support education and research by providing students and teachers with access to unique resources and an opportunity for collaborative work. All uses of the Internet access must be in support of and consistent with these educational objectives. All students who use Crest's Internet access are expected to read these guidelines and or take part in discussion of the guidelines with a teacher. Adherence to the guidelines is a condition for a student's privilege of Internet access.

The Internet

The Internet is a vast, global network, linking computers at universities, schools, laboratories, and other sites. Through the Internet, one can communicate with people all over the world through discussion forums and electronic mail. In addition, many educationally valuable files may be downloaded from the Internet. Because of its enormous size and resources, the Internet's educational potential is boundless. Because of its broad reach, however, the Internet also contains the potential for abuse. These guidelines are intended to help ensure that students use this valuable resource in a safe and appropriate manner.

Students Individual Responsibility

All student use of the Internet is to be conducted under faculty supervision. Nevertheless, faculty members are not expected to monitor student use at every moment. Every student is expected to take individual responsibility for his or her appropriate use of the Internet.

Internet and World Wide Web

All students will have access to the Internet and World Wide Web, with teacher supervision, in classrooms, libraries, or laboratories. No individual account agreement is required. Before a student may access the Internet and Web, however, he or she must be familiar with these guidelines.

** Grades K-12 - Before students in Grades K-12 will be authorized to access the Internet and World Wide Web, they will be asked to sign a statement stating that they have had read the guidelines and agree to adhere to them.

Internet Access is a Privilege

Internet access through the Crest Schools is a privilege, not a right. School officials may cancel a student's access if this privilege is abused. Inappropriate conduct included in the Crest Schools handbook is applicable to Crest student's use of the Internet. Copyright infringement occurs when a person inappropriately reproduces or transmits material that is protected by copyright. For example, most software is protected by copyright and may not be copied without the permission of the copyright owner.

Disclaimer of Liability

The Crest Schools disclaim all liability for the content of material that a student may access on the Internet, for any damages suffered in the course of or as a result of the student's Internet use, and for any other consequences of a student's Internet use.

Changes in Guidelines

The Crest Schools reserves the right to change these guidelines at any time.

Signatures

I have read the Crest School guidelines for Internet use. I will agree to follow these guidelines when I use the Internet or World Wide Web. I have also read the Student Handbook and am aware of the secondary rules.

Student Signature

Print Student Name

Parent / Guardian Signature