Student Agreements on
Internet and Computer Use at Delphian

The Internet

Because the Internet offers a wide variety of useful educational resources, Delphian provides Internet access to students with parental permission. Delphian students are expected to use the Internet sensibly and productively.

The school uses special filters to prevent access to inappropriate sites, but no filters are perfect. It is impossible to screen out all inappropriate content. Delphian teaches about ethical decision making which should help you make appropriate choices regarding Internet use. Ultimately it is your responsibility to stay away from inappropriate sites such as those that display pornography, promote illegal activities, or encourage hatred against people based on race, religion, nationality, etc. ("hate sites"). Additionally, it is an ethics offense to intentionally bypass or attempt to bypass the school's Internet filtering.

Communication Technologies

Communication devices and technologies such as mobile phones, wireless e-mail and instant messaging devices have become very popular. If your parents provide such a device, you could receive communication from people unknown to you or view content your parents do not want you to see. Some of these devices allow direct access to the Internet and bypass the school's filters. If your parents provide you with a mobile phone or other communication device, you are responsible for using it according to your parents' wishes and rules. It is up to you to communicate directly with your parents to find out what uses they will and won't allow.

Because others around you have such devices, you should also talk with your parents about their wishes and rules regarding your use of other people's devices.

Many mobile phones and electronic devices have cameras. Students may not take or send nude, sexually suggestive or otherwise inappropriate photos or videos of themselves or others.

Computer Games and Movies

We expect students to spend little or no time playing recreational computer games. This applies to games on both school and student-owned computers. On campus or school-sponsored trips, the school does not allow students to play games that contain intense violence, blood and gore, sexual content or strong language (M-rated games), or to have such games installed on personal computers while at school.

We also expect students to spend little time watching movies or video and recommend students limit such activity to Friday and Saturday evenings after 6:00 PM. This includes movies viewed on electronic devices such as computers, phones or portable DVD players.

In all cases, viewing R-rated movies on campus is not allowed regardless of age or parent permission.

Social Networking Sites and Privacy

Delphian allows students on Form 6 and above to have access to a limited number of social networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter. The list of such acceptable sites may change and is at the discretion of the Student Ethics Advisor. Access to social networking sites may be revoked or limited if it interferes with academic progress. Postings should not contain anything that could harm or reflect badly on the reputation of the school, students, staff or alumni.

Laptop Computers

Upper School students are encouraged but not required to have their own laptop computer. Upon enrolling or obtaining a new computer, students should bring their computer to the Network Manager to be checked for antivirus software and to enable it for network access. All computers must be accessible in English so that the Network Manager can verify the proper settings for our network.

The school's network supports Microsoft Windows XP Professional, Vista Business, Vista Ultimate, Windows 7 Professional and Windows 7 Ultimate only. It's recommended that students with Apple computers also install such a version of Windows so that they can get full access to network files and printers.

Privacy and the School Network

As part of maintaining the school's network, the Network Manager may need to monitor or inspect traffic on the network. Students have no expectation of privacy regarding content sent, received or stored on the network.

The Network Manager may restrict or limit any computer use which significantly slows down the network or the Internet for other users.