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STUDENT POLICY ON INTERNET AND TECHNOLOGY USE AT DELPHIAN

THE INTERNET AND NETWORK SECURITY

Delphian provides Internet access to students so they can do schoolwork, communicate with friends and family, and occasionally use it for entertainment. We expect students to use the Internet sensibly, ethically, and productively.

The school filters access to some inappropriate sites, but the filters can't catch all bad content. We expect students to stay away from inappropriate sites such as those that display pornography, promote illegal activities, encourage activities that run counter to the school's core values, or encourage hatred against people based on race, religion, nationality, etc. Additionally, it is an ethics offense to intentionally bypass or attempt to bypass the school's Internet filtering.

Students will have a Delphian email account while they are enrolled. This account should be used only for school-related activities and should not be tied to banking or other personal services that a student would need after their time at Delphian.

As part of maintaining the efficiency of the school's network, the Network Manager may need to monitor or inspect any traffic that uses the school network. As a result, students do not have an expectation of privacy regarding information they send or receive on the school's network.

Delphian gives out email and network passwords to each student. Students need to keep these passwords secure and may not give them to other students. Using a network account that is not your own is an ethics offense.

MOBILE DEVICES

It is common for students in Middle School and above to have Internet-enabled devices so they can communicate with parents, friends, and family. However, these devices are expected to be turned in during both academic and co-curricular class times as well as at bedtime.

The school has limited ability to filter Internet traffic on personal devices, and devices with their own data plan can bypass the school's filtering system. As a result, parents should discuss with their children how they expect them to use their devices. Students are responsible for using their devices according to their parents' wishes and rules.

Most devices have cameras. Students may not take or send nude, sexually suggestive, or otherwise inappropriate photos or videos of themselves or others.

DIGITAL ENTERTAINMENT AND SOCIAL MEDIA

We expect students to make good progress on their schoolwork. If playing computer games, watching movies, or engaging in social media interferes with this, the student's academic supervisor will discuss this with the student. The academic supervisor may ask the student to limit or refrain from these activities until the student is making adequate progress on their school work.

We ask that students not bring devices whose primary purpose is entertainment, for example: game consoles, such as PlayStation and Nintendo Switch, VR headsets, or a television. Screens with a diagonal size larger than 27 inches are not allowed, as well as multiple screens.



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We expect students to spend little or no time playing recreational computer games. This applies to games on both school and student-owned computers. All games played at the school must have an official age requirement stated by the ESRB (Entertainment Software Rating Board) or equivalent. All students playing or watching others play a game must meet the age requirement for the game.

Similarly, for watching movies and TV shows, students must meet the age requirements stated by the MPAA (Motion Picture Association of America) or TV Parental Guidelines.

Students who have social media accounts should not post anything that could harm or reflect badly on the reputation of the school, students, staff, or alumni. The school restricts access to social media sites at the Middle School level and below.

LOWER SCHOOL STUDENTS

We expect Lower School students to spend little to no time in front of screens and strongly recommend any screen time be limited to Friday and Saturday nights, with no screen time during the school week.

ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

Students in the Elementary and Middle Schools may have phones or tablets, but are asked not to bring laptops or smart-watches with them to the school. These students will have access to their devices from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM every day as well as from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM on weekend mornings. If a parent needs to contact their child at another time, this can be arranged with the personal teacher or academic supervisor.

LAPTOP COMPUTERS IN THE UPPER SCHOOL

Because computers are used intensively as part of the academic program at Delphian, Upper

School students are required to have their own laptop computer for the school year. iPads or similar tablets are not acceptable substitutes and are not supported by the school.

The requirements are:

- The laptop must use a current, supported version of Windows, Apple macOS, or ChromeOS.
- The computer must have at least 8GB of memory (or 4GB+ for ChromeOS).
- The battery must last 5 hours or more on a single charge so the computer will operate through a typical school day. We cannot guarantee a power outlet next to each school desk.
- The computer needs to have an English keyboard with English installed. Our faculty cannot assist students with computer help if the keyboard and operating system are not in English.

Because a functioning laptop is critical to academic work in the Upper School, malfunctioning, damaged, or lost laptops need to be repaired or replaced within two weeks. Because Delphian does not repair computers, we recommend parents purchase a warranty with accidental damage protection and on-site service.



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