

STUDENT AGREEMENTS ON INTERNET AND COMPUTER USE AT DELPHIAN



DELPHIAN SCHOOL

THE INTERNET

Because the Internet offers a wide variety of useful educational resources, Delphian provides Internet access to students. 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. For any game played, a student must meet the age requirements of the ESRB (Entertainment Software Rating Board). If a student doesn’t meet the age requirement for a game, or another student under the age requirement is present, then it cannot be played. Game consoles, such as Xbox 360, PlayStation and Wii, are not allowed.

We also expect students to spend little time watching movies or videos 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.

As for R-Rated movies and TV-MA shows, a student must meet the age requirements that the MPAA (Motion Picture Association of America) or TV Parental Guidelines have suggested, and have no other student present who doesn't meet the age requirement when viewing such material.

LAPTOP COMPUTERS

Because computers are used intensively as part of the academic program at Delphian, Upper School students are required to have their own laptop computer (not an iPad or similar tablet) for the school year. Requirements are:

- A computer with at least 1GB of memory and at least 4 hours of battery life to insure battery charge lasts through the course day.
- Microsoft Windows (Windows XP or more recent version) or the Apple Mac operating system.
- Up-to-date antivirus software.
- English keyboard with English installed.

Malfunctioning, damaged and lost computers need to be repaired or replaced within one to two weeks. Because Delphian does not repair computers, we recommend parents purchase a warranty with accidental damage protection and on-site service. We recommend world-wide insurance against loss, including accidental damage, available from <http://www.studentinsurancepartners.com>.

To get a network log-in and use your computer at Delphian, bring it to the Network Manager to be checked for anti-virus software and enabled for network access.

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.

PRIVACY AND THE SCHOOL NETWORK

Delphian gives out computer passwords to each student. Students need to keep this password secure and should not to give it out to other students. Before leaving a computer, students should log off to ensure proper security.

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.