

Nazareth School

TECHNOLOGY ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

The following regulations and procedures provide Nazareth School students and their parents with information regarding the privileges and responsibilities for the use of various forms of technology and access of the Internet on and off campus.

The use of technology at Nazareth School has been established for educational purposes including classroom activities and educational research. Use of technology has not been established as a public access forum for students, interpersonal communication by students, or for commercial use. Our goal is to proactively educate both parents and students about our standards of behavior in the use of technology and the Internet. Enlisting the support of students and parents, we hope to make the use of technology both rewarding and safe.

The Technology Acceptable Use Policy includes all forms of technology, including, but not limited to, computers, iPads, laptops, cameras, email, smart phones and chat. The technology equipment, services, and data stored on devices are the property of Nazareth School. While it is impossible to control all material on a public network, Nazareth School has taken reasonable precautions to restrict access to materials it considers harmful and to materials that do not support educational objectives.

Teachers and staff will instruct students in appropriate ways to access Internet resources. Teachers, in consultation with the administration, may occasionally allow students to make non-routine use of some Internet tools which are ordinarily restricted by this policy when such use would be in keeping with the school's curricular goals and objectives, and is under the direct supervision of the teacher.

Student email and Google Apps in Education Applications: Nazareth School will provide students in Grades K-8 with various education online accounts so that we may utilize an educational suite of applications to enhance teaching and learning. Google Apps is a concept known as "cloud computing" where services and storage are provided over the Internet. School expectations regarding the use of student email and Google Apps include:

- Students will not share passwords or use anyone else's passwords
- Students will not impersonate another's identity
- Students will be ethical and respect the privacy of others
- Students will not harm or destroy data of another student or user
- Students understand that Nazareth School has the right to look at any data, email logs, or files that exist on the network without prior consent of the student

The use of Nazareth School technology is a revocable privilege for all users. Nazareth School equipment (laptops, iPads, desktops and portable storage devices), and all user accounts are the property of Nazareth School. Privacy rights do not apply to the use of the computer system or accounts, and the school reserves the right to monitor and access information maintained in the system and in users' accounts for the purpose of determining if a violation of this agreement has occurred. Prohibited uses

include: Access, or attempts to access, download, or transmit any “harmful matter” in violation of any federal law, state law, or school policy. This includes but is not limited to:

- Any information that violates or infringes upon the rights of any other person
- Any hate-motivated, fraudulent, defamatory, abusive, obscene, profane, sexually oriented, threatening, racially offensive, or illegal language or material
- Any information or communication that encourages the illegal use of controlled substances, or promotes criminal behavior
- Any material that violates copyright laws (plagiarism)
- Vandalism, unauthorized access, “hacking” or tampering with hardware or software. This includes the introduction of “viruses,” “worms,” non-licensed or pirated software, or any software or hardware for the purpose of disrupting or damaging the school’s computer systems

Students must keep cellular phones turned off and in their backpacks while on campus. **Apple Watches or similar “Smart” watches may not be worn during school hours.** At no time may students attempt to access the Internet during the school day from their cellular devices. The school cannot control the manner in which students use technology off campus. However, there may be times when misuse of technology off campus may severely/adversely affect what happens in school. The school, in such situations, may find it necessary to inform families of those students involved in such use, and take additional actions in order to ensure the safety and well-being of members of the Nazareth School community. We hope to avoid such incidents through the support and cooperation of home and school. Parents are strongly encouraged to monitor and guide student use of on-line communication through email, Facebook, and other social media.

Students and parents should report threats of violence or harm in cyberspace to the school administration immediately.

The administration will ultimately decide what constitutes appropriate use, and its decision is final. The administration will apply consequences as described in the Student and/or Parent Handbooks at any time deemed necessary. This includes but is not limited to discipline conferences, suspension, expulsion, and possible financial restitution.

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Student Digital Citizenship Pledge

For the use of iPads and all Technology Devices

I will...

- Always handle the device carefully
- Make sure my hands are clean when using any devices
- Share the school's devices with my classmates
- Help my teacher when he/she has questions about a device
- Tell an adult immediately if I see something bad or inappropriate
- Use the device only for teacher-approved activities or assignment

I will never...

- I will never take screen shots or recordings of classmates or teachers during zoom meetings
- Take any device out of the classroom without permission from a teacher
- Have any food or drinks around the device
- Take or record photographs or video of anyone (students or adults) at school, without their knowledge and/or the permission of the teacher
- Post anything I have or recorded at school on **ANY** sites without the teachers' or parents' permission
- Register on **ANY** websites or create my own website without my teachers' or parents' permission
- Download or install **ANY** software or apps without permission from an adult

I understand that if I do NOT follow these rules, below are examples of consequences that may occur, depending on the severity of the infraction:

- Loss of technology for one class period, day or the remainder of the school year (duration to be determined by the teacher/principal)
- Demerits
- Visit to the Principal's office
- Suspended from school

I promise to follow these rules:

Print Name: _____

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____