

Please read with your student the Technology Acceptable Use Policy found below. It will also appear in the Student/Parent handbook that will be published within the first few weeks of school. **Please sign and return the last page of this document no later than August 24. Thank you.**

TECHNOLOGY ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

In August 2010, Noble Academy changed email providers and began using Google Apps accounts. These accounts include Gmail, Google Docs, and other applications housed under the Google Domain nobleknights.org. All students will be responsible for mastering the use of and properly caring for the school's computers and for following acceptable use guidelines. Students may carry their own personal laptops unless they become disruptive. Students may not connect their personal electronic devices to the school's network.

The Noble Academy Computer Network is established for the educational and professional use of the Noble Academy students and staff. The network includes PC computers located in computer labs, classrooms, offices, the media center, and on a laptop cart connected to each other and the Internet. Access to the Internet enables students and staff to explore thousands of libraries, museums, and databases and communicate with others worldwide.

Noble Academy reserves the right to access any files stored on any computer owned by the school and to remove any material deemed inappropriate.

Plagiarism in any form is unacceptable and will be subject to academic consequences.

Email/School Recommended/Sponsored Websites

Email accounts set up for/with students are for Noble Academy school and academic business only. Students should NOT use any such email accounts organized by Noble Academy staff for any other purpose other than that related to school and communication with teachers and fellow students and only in conjunction with school assignments, classes, projects and other such Noble Academy related work. No personal use of such email accounts is authorized. It is the responsibility of each user to ensure appropriate sharing controls are used in order to protect Noble Academy, as well as to prevent accidental or undesirable file sharing or emails.

Access to any websites by students as required by Noble Academy teachers falls under the Noble Academy Acceptable Use Policies (in addition to the websites' policies) and students are NOT to use such websites for any other purpose other than that related communication with teachers and fellow students and only in conjunction with school assignments, classes, projects and other such Noble Academy related work.

Disclaimer

While Noble Academy provides students with on-campus Internet access and Internet classrooms via Online Course Management per the policies outlined herein and while the Noble Academy staff makes every effort to ensure student compliance with the terms of this Acceptable Use Policy, the school does not assume any responsibility for the consequences of a student's actions outside of the policies outlined in this document.

The appearance of any hyperlink to an external website or the recommendation by Noble Academy staff that students access such links indicates that Noble Academy has identified that website as having educational value and evaluated for its relevant content value. Unfortunately, websites change frequently and we are unable to guarantee any offsite link regarding current content, quality, or subsequent links. These links are inspected on a regular basis and every attempt is made to remove inappropriate or inactive links as soon as they are identified. Noble Academy does not control or guarantee the content of these sites and asks that if you encounter an inappropriate or dead link that you inform the school.

Although this policy has been carefully prepared and reviewed, Noble Academy assumes no liability for any errors, omissions, or misinformation. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at the user's own risk. Noble Academy is not responsible for any damage suffered by a user. This includes, but is not limited to, loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, or service interruptions.

Grades K-6 Acceptable Use

Students in grades K-6 will have access to the network under the direct supervision of a member of the staff. Students will be educated on the safe use of the Internet.

Students will observe the following rules while using the computer:

- Respect other people while using the computer.
- Respect programs that people have on the computer.
- Respect copyright laws.
- Do not intentionally visit sites or download material considered inappropriate.
- Do not tell your home address or phone number over the Internet.
- Ask a teacher when in doubt about uses of e-mail or other Internet tools.

Grades 7-12 Acceptable Use

Noble Academy expects the use of this resource to be consistent with the mission of the school. The use of the network is a privilege, not a right, and may be revoked if abused. Although the Noble Academy staff will make every effort to supervise and guide students in the use of the computers and the safe use of the Internet, the student is personally responsible for his/her actions. Violations of the Acceptable Use Policy may result in loss of computer privileges, or other appropriate disciplinary actions, and/or legal actions.

Students will observe the following rules while using the computers:

- Do not post personal information (name, address, phone number, etc) on e-mail or web pages without the permission of staff and parents.
- Use appropriate and polite language. Report to a teacher or administrator any messages received that makes you uncomfortable.
- Follow copyright laws. Use the same rules as used for library resources.
- Do not use the system for commercial purposes, political lobbying, or illegal activities. Computer mischief directed toward Noble Academy's network or other computers on the Internet could result in disciplinary action or legal charges.
- Avoid activities that may damage computers, computer systems, or the network. Report damaged or non-working hardware/software to a teacher or an administrator.
- Do not download or install software or change the settings of any computer without permission.
- Use all school technology equipment only with permission and supervision of staff.
- Do not intentionally visit or download information deemed inappropriate.
- Do not visit MySpace, Facebook, or any other social networks.
- Do not use personal email unless given permission by the specific teacher.
- Consult a teacher or administrator whenever you have any doubt.

**Noble Academy's
Technology Acceptable Use Policy
Acknowledgement/Agreement**

Student Section

All students must read and sign and have their parents/guardians read and sign this permission form for student access to the school's computers and internet connection before access privileges are provided by the school.

I have read and understand the Noble Academy's Technology Acceptable Use Policy as stated above and agree to abide by the conditions and spirit of the policy.

I also understand that I may ask for explanation of any item before I sign this document.

Signed _____ Date _____

Print Name _____ Grade _____

Parent Section

I have read and understand the Noble Academy's Technology Acceptable Use Policy as stated above and agree to abide by the conditions and spirit of the policy.

I understand and agree that any financial transactions undertaken by this student from the school internet accounts are my responsibility.

I also understand that I may ask for explanation of any item before I sign this document.

Signed _____ Date _____

Print Name _____

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN TO THE FRONT OFFICE