

NEUSE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Student Network Responsibility Contract

Overview

Please read the following carefully before signing this document. This is a legally binding contract and must be signed before you will be given access to the NCA electronic network account.

Technology within NCA includes, but is not limited to: computers, electronic devices, software, the Internet, social networks, e-mail, and web pages. The proper blend of teaching methods and technology creates a learning environment that engages students while helping them develop the 21st century skills and core content knowledge essential for future success.

Technology is in constant flux; yet the security, safety of, and opportunity for our students is important. To minimize risk, NCA employs a number of tools and monitoring technologies designed to create a reasonable expectation of safety for any user. NCA has taken precautions to restrict access to inappropriate materials.

Following are guidelines provided to establish the responsibilities you are about to acquire. If any user violates any of these provisions, his or her access to the NCA account will be denied. The signatures at the end of this document are legally binding and indicate the parties who signed have read the terms and conditions carefully and understand their significance.

Terms and Conditions

Acceptable use: At NCA, technology is an integral and essential part of a student's educational experience. The use of the school's accounts, hardware, or software must be in support of education and research and consistent with the educational objectives of the NCA. Transmission of any material in violation of any U.S. or state regulations is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to: copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material, or material protected by trade secret. Use for commercial activities by for-profit institutions is not acceptable. Use for product advertisement or political lobbying is also prohibited.

Connectivity: Do not use the network in such a way that would disrupt the use of the network by others.

Network Etiquette: The use of NCA's account requires that you abide by accepted rules of network etiquette. These include, but are not limited to the following.

Be polite. Do not send abusive messages to anyone.

Use appropriate language, in all messages, do not swear or use vulgarities or any other inappropriate language.

Anything pertaining to illegal activities is strictly forbidden. (*Note that E-mail is not guaranteed to be private. People who operate the system do have access to all mail. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities must be reported to appropriate authorities.)

Cyber-bullying, hate mail, harassing, insulting or attacking others, discriminatory jokes and remarks will not be tolerated.

Personal Devices: Students may connect a personal, non-school-owned laptop computer into the school network with the agreement to allow software to be loaded on the laptop. This software enables the school to monitor on-campus activity only. Occasionally permission may be granted for personal devices to be connected to the NCA network for the purpose of accessing the Internet; however, technology staff cannot install or configure programs or software on personal devices. Use of these devices while connected to the school network will be governed by the same rules and regulations that apply to NCA-provided technology.

Privacy: Do not reveal the personal address or phone numbers of yourself or any other person. All communications and information accessible via the network should be assumed private property.

Privileges: The use of NCA's Internet access is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in cancellation of those privileges. Only those students with prior experience or instruction who have signed this contract shall be authorized to use the Internet.

Services: NCA will not be responsible for any damages you may suffer. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, or service interruptions caused by our negligence or your errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via the school's account is at your own risk. NCA denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its services.

Updates: NCA may occasionally require new registration and account information from you to continue providing services. All terms and conditions reflect the entire agreement of the parties.

Vandalism: Vandalism will result in disciplinary action. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading of computer viruses.

I HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE ABOVE TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR ACCESS TO NCA'S ELECTRONIC NETWORK ACCOUNT. I FURTHER UNDERSTAND THAT ANY VIOLATION OF THE REGULATIONS ABOVE IS UNETHICAL AND MAY CONSTITUTE A CRIMINAL OFFENSE. I UNDERSTAND THAT ANY VIOLATION OF THE ABOVE NOTED GUIDELINES AND REGULATIONS COULD RESULT IN THE REVOCATION OF MY ACCESS RIGHTS, THE IMPOSITION OF SCHOOL DISCIPLINE, CRIMINAL PROSECUTION AND OTHER LEGAL ACTION.

NAME of Student User:

DATE:

Student User **Signature:**

Parent or Guardian Network Responsibility Contract

As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read the Terms and Conditions for access to NCA's electronic network. I understand that this access is designed for educational purposes and NCA has taken precautions to eliminate controversial materials. However, I also recognize that it is impossible for NCA to restrict access to all controversial materials, and I will not hold them responsible for materials acquired on the network.

Further, I understand that the improper or inappropriate use of the network by my child could result in school discipline, criminal and civil penalties. I accept full responsibility for supervision if and when my child's use is not in a school setting. Further, I accept responsibility for any damages or injuries caused by my child's use of the network, either in school or outside of school, in a manner which violates the Terms and Conditions set forth in this agreement.

With the above understanding, I hereby give permission to issue electronic network access for my child and certify that the information on the form is correct.

NAME of Parent/Guardian:

DATE:

Parent/Guardian **SIGNATURE:**