

Technology Agreement



Technology is a great tool that can be used for God's glory when properly used. Weimar Academy utilizes technology in its program and wishes to enter into an agreement with each student and family desiring to attend the school.

The Internet is a powerful resource for expanding the educational experience of each student. Access to the Internet will enable students to explore unlimited resources while exchanging messages with other users throughout the world. Unfortunately, it is true that some materials accessible via the Internet may contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate or offensive. We believe, however, that the benefits to students in information resources and opportunities for collaboration exceed the disadvantages.

Since the network is provided for students to conduct research and communicate with others, access is given to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. Parental permission is required. Access is a privilege—not a right. Access entails responsibility. School staff may review files and communications to maintain system integrity and ensure that users are using the system responsibly.

We want there to be no confusion on how technology is to be used during the school year. Please read carefully the following statements below, initialing in the spaces provided, those statements that you agree with and then sign at the bottom. Thank you.

_____ I will use technology to glorify God and will avoid viewing, participating in, listening to, or creating any material that is illegal, dangerous, offensive or goes against the principles stated in the Bible, given by my family, or stated in the Weimar Academy handbook.

_____ I understand that I must keep my computer in working order and if it malfunctions, I must have it repaired or replaced in swift order. I acknowledge that if a problem with my computer arises, that does not excuse me from my responsibility of completing my assignments in on time.

_____ I will keep my passwords to myself. I will be responsible and courteous in all communications and respect the confidentiality of accounts, folders, work, and files of others. I not attempt to access or alter unauthorized areas of a computer system.

_____ I will learn about and observe copyright laws and will give credit when using material and quotes from other sources (not to do so is plagiarism).

_____ I acknowledge and approve of the use of the monitoring and filtering software used at Weimar Academy. I will not try to tamper or circumvent the monitoring or filtering system in any way.

_____ If I accidentally come across something that is illegal, dangerous or offensive, I will clear any pictures/information from my screen and immediately, quietly inform my teacher.

_____ I will not install multiple operating systems on my computer or run them independently on an auxiliary drive, unless first obtaining a signed form, allowing this by the administration.

_____ I understand and agree that any misuse of technology, whether it is provided by the academy, or brought in by other means (i.e. mp3 player, cell phone, etc.) may result in the confiscation of that technology. Weimar Academy reserves the right to detain that technology for any length of time, up to the end of the academic school year, regardless of who owns the technology.

_____ I understand and agree that "misuse of technology" will be defined by what the handbook states, as well as the interpretation of the faculty. Any misuse may result in disciplinary and/or legal action by the staff of Weimar Academy.

Computer Usage Details

- Classroom use of computers is limited to emailing teachers and school-related work associated with the class they are currently attending (i.e. - No working on English while in Math class)
- During work time, only work related browsing is allowed
- No computers at worship time
- Computer use during study hall time is limited to the following:
 - a. School-related work
 - b. Skype/email friends on designated cell phone evenings only
 - c. Skype/email parents any evening after approval from dean
- Students are allowed 1 hour of personal time on Sundays. Students will verify with deans on the time frame for that usage.

**Exceptions to this policy may be made, but you must have staff approval beforehand

3 Step Discipline Process for Breaking this Policy

Step 1 – Verbal warning with communication to parents, Lose personal time for a month

Step 2 – Written plan drafted by parents, student and staff

Step 3 – Grounds for dismissal

As a reminder, technology is a wonderful tool that can be used for God's glory when used properly. We encourage you to make good choices in order for you to enjoy your freedoms and we look forward to seeing how the Lord will bless your efforts in the use of technology.

Signature of Student

Date

Parent or guardian

I understand that the Internet can provide students with valuable learning experiences.

I understand that the school provides a filtering system on computers connected to the Internet and that every reasonable effort will be made to provide supervision. I also understand that the school cannot completely control what is accessed.

I accept that, while teachers will always exercise their duty of care, protection against exposure to harmful information must depend finally upon responsible use by students.

I believe _____ (name of student) understands this responsibility, and I hereby give my permission for him/her to access the Internet under the school rules. I understand that students breaking these rules will be subject to appropriate action by the school. Any activity not in compliance with these rules may result in a loss of access as well as other disciplinary or legal action.

I decline having my child use the Internet.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date