Bob Jones Academy

BJA Student Acceptable Use Policy

Purpose

The purpose of technology use and network access at Bob Jones Academy is to aid students and faculty with research, communication and other educational goals set by BJA. All technology use and network access should be in accordance with the mandates of Scripture and the expectations of BJA. BJA's highest concern is that students learn to develop Christ-centered thinking in relation to Internet use and technology.

Policy

Love God and others

- 1. All BJA network users should be guided by the principle of love for God and others as the highest motive for the use of technology (Matt. 22:37–40). A student's conduct online and offline reflects on God, on his or her self, and on our school.
- 2. Communication with others should be edifying (Col. 4:6; Eph. 5:19–21). Students should endeavor to build up others through encouragement toward godliness, honesty, thanksgiving and grace-filled speech.
- 3. Be a responsible steward of all BJA technological equipment. Do not modify, repair or otherwise tamper with any BJA device.
- 4. Students should not violate copyright laws, license agreements, etc., on images, software, audio files or documents. Violations are serious and can lead to federal prosecution.
- 5. Students should not place any software on the BJA network that could harm the network or attempt to "hack" into the network. Unauthorized access to BJA network is strictly forbidden.
- 6. The BJA network should not be used for solicitation or for sharing any content without permission.
- 7. Students should not access, store or disseminate any inappropriate material (Eph. 5:1–6). Inappropriate material includes, but is not limited to, any slanderous, divisive, sensual, worldly, hateful, sacrilegious or obscene content in any form.
- 8. Students should not post photos, quotes, etc., of any BJA/BJU employee or student without the individual's permission.
- 9. Students should not use personal devices of any kind to access the Internet on school grounds without teacher permission.
- 10. Each student should always let his conduct on the BJA network be above reproach (Eph. 4:1-3).

Personal protection

- 1. Because of the corrupt nature of humanity, Christians must be watchful for evil activity (1 Pet. 5:8) and not be naïve (Prov. 27:12) about the dangers in any area of technology. BJA assists students by providing accountability and protection on the BJA network.
- 2. A student should never share any personal information online with any individual or company with which he is unfamiliar. Personal information includes things such as photos, addresses, phone numbers, full name, Social Security number, account names, account numbers or passwords.
- 3. A student should never share his BJA network username and password with anyone except his parents/guardians or BJA teachers (for use if the student forgets the password).

- 4. A student should immediately contact a teacher if he accidentally accesses a website or receives a message that he feels is inappropriate or makes him feel uncomfortable in any way.
- 5. BJA network has an active filtering system to protect students from much of the danger on the Internet. It also catalogs the sites visited and time spent at each location. Users shall have no expectation of privacy on the BJA network.
- 6. Students should not attempt to bypass or disrupt the filter in any way.
- 7. Students should abide by school policy regarding the use of cellular device capability, as stated in the BJA Handbook.

Property protection

- 1. BJA-provided electronic devices are the property of BJA and are to be used as directed by the teacher, with principles of good stewardship and as a tool for learning. A school-provided device must be returned in usable, good condition upon completion of the school year or upon leaving the school.
- 2. The device is the responsibility of the student and his parents and should remain in the student's possession.
- 3. If the device is lost or stolen, the student is responsible to report the missing device immediately.
- 4. Students are expected to use the device in accordance with the details outlined in the school provided *End-User Agreement*.

Consequences

A student who willingly disregards the guidelines set forth in this policy will face disciplinary consequences which include, but are not limited to, a warning, restricted use of the electronic device, reimbursement of all or part of the purchase price of the school-owned electronic device, and demerits.

Violations of copyright laws, license agreements, etc., on images, software, audio files or documents can lead to federal prosecution.

Agreement

In order to use an approved electronic device at school, the student and a parent must agree in writing to abide by this policy.

By signing below, I agree that while a student at Bob Jones Academy I will abide by this *BJA Acceptable Use Policy* and, when applicable, an accompanying *BJA End-User Agreement*.

Student Signature	Date
Print Name (Student)	
Parent Signature	Date
Print Name (Parent)	