

Mountain View Christian Schools

INTERNET USAGE POLICY



What MVCS will provide on-campus:

1. A reliable network connection.
2. Supervision of students while using the Internet.
3. Training for students that clearly defines appropriate/inappropriate sites; also how to search, save, and make citations.
4. An e-mail address using the schools mvcsed.net domain. Staff will use this e-mail address when communicating directly with high school students. Students should also use this system when communicating with fellow students.

MVCS Student & Parental responsibility of on and off-campus Internet activity:

Cyber-bullying: Students will be under administrative discipline for posting rude, threatening, gossip, slanderous, and/or inappropriate messages on personal web pages, e-mails, text messages or social media whether done on or off-campus. Guidelines can be found in our Student/Parent Handbook.

MVCS Network: The network user is held responsible for his/her actions when using the schools network. Students may only connect their personal devices to the MVCS Student network. At no time may a personally owned device be connected to the schools private network without prior approval from the Technology department. Unacceptable uses of the network will result in the suspension or revocation of these privileges and/or disciplinary action. Some examples of unacceptable use are:

1. Using the on-campus MVCS network for any illegal activity.
2. Using the on-campus MVCS network for financial gain or initiating any financial transactions.
3. Degrading or disrupting the MVCS equipment or system performance. Any security problems must be reported to the technology coordinator and not shared with other users.
4. Vandalizing the data of another user.
5. Wastefully using finite resources, after being warned and instructed in proper use.
6. Gaining unauthorized access to resources, including attempting to get around censor ware installed on a computer.
7. Invading the privacy of individuals including reading mail that belongs to others without their permission.
8. Using an account owned by another user - with or without that user's permission.
9. Posting personal communications without the author's consent or information which is not meant to be made public.
10. Downloading viruses or attempting to circumvent virus protection programs.
11. Plagiarism - using another's words or ideas as one's own.
12. Any other usage that the MVCS Staff, Faculty, & Administration deems inappropriate.

The Internet user must meet all MVCS policies in order to use an Internet station. The user and his/her parents understand that use of the Internet is at the user's own risk. MVCS will not assume responsibility for:

1. The reliability of the content of a source received by a user. Students must evaluate and cite appropriately.
2. Costs that the students incur if they request a product or service for a fee.
3. Any consequences of disruption in service that may result in lack of resources. Though every effort will be made to insure a reliable connection, there may be times when the Internet service is down or scheduled for use by teachers, classes, or other students.
4. Guaranteeing privacy of mail. Though we do support privacy of e-mail, users must not assume that this is guaranteed. The technology coordinator and Administrative Staff reserve the right to investigate possible misuses or to monitor any e-mail that comes through MVCS computers. The enforcement of these guidelines apply when accessing the network or internet by any device such as a computer, or any mobile device (tablet, phone, iPad, etc.)

MVCS Technology: Students who are issued technology from MVCS (tablet, computer, etc.) are required to complete the MVCS Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) Form prior to receiving equipment from MVCS. The AUP can be found on the front page of mvcs.net under the MVCS Forms and Resources link.

By signing this consent and waiver form, the student agrees to abide by these restrictions. The student and parent (or guardian) must sign after they have discussed these rights and responsibilities together. I have read the Internet Usage Policy of MVCS. I agree to follow the rules contained in this policy. I understand that if the MVCS student violates the rules, their privileges can be terminated and they may face other disciplinary measures. MVCS parents agree that their son or daughter will be held liable for violations of this policy.