

Unity Christian High School

Technology Honor Code & Laptop Agreement

The Unity Christian High School one-to-one program allows your child to take the laptop home. Taking the laptop home allows for expansion of the learning day beyond the school hours, but also places more responsibility on the student. Allowing the laptops to leave the building coupled with our belief that our world belongs to God, we need to make sure we maintain our responsibility with the laptops. As we guide and equip young people "to serve both God and neighbor in all aspects of life", our hope is that technology will be one tool that will be used to "proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord of all." (quotations taken from Unity Christian High School's Mission Statement).

This **Technology Honor Code** lays the foundation for the positive, honorable, and responsible use of technology. Examples of the types of technology-related activities that affirm our Honor Code are listed below. Any questions about the application of the Honor Code to technology should be directed to the Head of School or Director of Technology.

Using technology honorably and responsibly includes:

- Using computers, software, and other information resources to support learning, complete school assignments, and gain a better understanding of information technology and its applications.
- Using the internet to perform research related to academic and extracurricular school functions, and to communicate with scholars, students, and specialists outside of campus to improve knowledge and advance academic work.
- Providing appropriate credit for any materials gathered using information technology, and using all resources according to Federal copyright laws.
- Using technology to collaborate with students and faculty for academic and extracurricular school functions.
- Seeking permission to record or photograph classroom presentations and activities.
- Respecting and encouraging each other online through words and media.
- Representing your own views, and not those of others, in any form of electronic communication.
- Respecting the privacy of yourself and others on the computer and through various accounts.
- Respecting the registration policies of age-restricted online services (e.g., Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat etc.).
- Using the school's file servers to store school-related and limited personal files. Protecting equipment (school-owned and loaned) from damage or theft.

Violations of the above standards may result in the following consequences depending upon the severity of the violation:

- Discussion about incident with student(s) involved as well as parents.
- Being required to leave your laptop at school or loss of laptop for a period of time.
- Changes in filter requirements.
- Disciplinary actions will be decided by the Dean of Students.

Parental & Student Terms of Agreement

- I have reviewed the *Technology Honor Code* above and understand the rules and guidelines for appropriate laptop use at home and school.
- My child is responsible at all times for the care and appropriate use of this laptop. I understand if my child violates the guidelines agreed to in the *Technology Honor Code*, his/her privilege to use the laptop may be restricted or removed and he/she may be subject to disciplinary action.
- I understand that I am responsible for paying for the replacement or repair of my child's laptop due to loss, theft, or damage which may have occurred either in school or out of school. I am fully responsible to replace the cost of the laptop through my insurance policy or out of my own pocket.
- I understand that if my child leaves Unity Christian prior to graduation, I would need to either buy out the remaining balance on the laptop lease or return it to school at no cost to the school.
- The laptop remains the property of Unity Christian High School. At the end of each school year, I agree to return the laptop to the school for maintenance and software updates. This period of time may be as long as 4 weeks.