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Bethany Christian School iPad/Portable Device Guidelines and Acceptable Use Policy

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This document covers the use of iPads as an educational tool at Bethany Christian School. It contains guidelines that cover the use of iPad devices and the responsibilities of all stakeholders; staff, students and Parent/Caregivers.

**BYOD iPad
Program - Year
5-6**

Bethany Christian School iPad/Portable Device Guidelines and Acceptable Use Policy

The policies, procedures and information within this document apply to all iPads/portable devices used at Bethany Christian School, including any other device considered by the administration to come under this policy. Teachers may set additional requirements for use in their classroom.

The use of the technology at Bethany Christian School is a privilege, not a right. This policy is provided to make all users aware of the responsibilities associated with efficient, ethical, and lawful use of technology resources. If a person violates any of the User Terms and Conditions outlined in this policy, privileges may be terminated, and the appropriate disciplinary action will be taken.

Consequences of violations of this policy include but are not limited to; confiscation of the device, deletion of apps or inappropriate content, suspension/exclusion and SAPOL investigation.

Taking Care of Devices

Students are responsible for the general care of the school devices they use and the BYOD iPad they bring to Bethany Christian School. It is the responsibility of the child to take care of their iPad; iPad's that are broken or fail to work properly should be fixed as soon as possible to resume daily work.

General Guidelines

- All devices including iPads should be treated with respect and care.
- Only use a clean, soft cloth to clean the screen, be aware that some cleaning agents will damage the iPad.
- Cords and cables must be inserted carefully into the iPad to prevent damage. (Especially headphone jack)
- School owned iPads and cases must remain free of any writing, drawing, stickers, or labels that are not the property of Bethany Christian School.
- iPads must never be left unattended in a backpack, unlocked car or any unsupervised area.
- Students are responsible for keeping their iPad's battery charged for school each day.
- Students must keep their iPad in the protective casing at all times.
- Students must have a Screen lock activated on their iPad to protect their information and discourage people from stealing or tampering with their device.
- iPads that are broken or fail to work should be fixed as soon as possible to resume daily work. (**If available** a school iPad loan may be issued to the student for up to 1 week while their device is being repaired – this loan device will stay at school).
- Be careful in selecting a suitable case for your iPad. Make sure the case has sufficient padding to protect the iPad from normal treatment and provide a suitable means for carrying the device within the school.
- The iPad screens can be damaged if subjected to rough treatment or being dropped. The screens are particularly sensitive to damage from excessive pressure on the screen or the corners of the iPad.
- **Insurance Coverage** - If students or parents wish to carry their own additional personal insurance to protect the iPad in cases of theft, loss, or accidental damage, they should consult their insurance agent for details about their personal coverage of the iPad. AppleCare can cover some accidental coverage if you purchase it when buying the iPad.

Using Your iPad at School

iPads are intended for use at school each day. Individual teachers may have certain expectations about what they want the students to have on their iPad and it is their prerogative and the students in their class must comply. Students are responsible for bringing their iPad to all classes, unless specifically instructed not to do so by their teacher.

iPads Left at Home

If students leave their iPad at home, they are responsible for getting the schoolwork completed as if they had their iPad present.

Keeping your iPad secure at school

Students must not leave their iPad unattended outside of their classroom. iPads are not to be taken out to play areas during recess or lunch. When iPads are not in use students will store them in a secure location directed by their teacher.

Charging Your iPad's Battery

iPads must be brought to school each day in a fully charged condition. Students need to charge their iPads each evening. At teacher's discretion repeat violations of this will result in disciplinary action. In cases where use of the iPad has caused batteries to become discharged, students may be able to connect their iPads to a power outlet in class.

Sound, Music, Pictures, Games or Programs

- Sound must be always muted unless permission is obtained from the teacher.
- Music is allowed on the iPad and can be used at the discretion of the teacher. Music with explicit language is not permitted on the iPad at school and will need to be removed from the iPad at the teachers' request.
- Games/Apps that are not deemed as educational content are not to be downloaded or played at school. If students are in breach of playing non-educational games they will be required to remove the game from their iPad at the teacher's discretion.
- Inappropriate media may not be used as a screensaver or background photo.
- Apps, Videos and photos must be suitable for a G audience. Presence of guns, weapons, pornographic materials, suggestive images, inappropriate language, alcohol, drug related symbols or pictures will result in removal of content and disciplinary actions.

Printing and Internet Access

- Printing will be available with the iPad on a limited basis. Printing at home will require a wireless printer.
- Students will have access to WIFI with monitored and filtered Internet, this will cover internet browsing for research, required app use and other downloads permitted by staff and teachers. (iOS updates are suitable at school)
- All personal downloads including game Apps, music and video need to be completed at home. You will need a wireless router/access point connected to the internet to achieve this.

Managing Your Files & Saving Your Work

Saving to the iPad/Backups

Students may save work to the applications on the iPad. It is also advised that students use iCloud (internet storage) or iTunes (sync to home computer) to back up the information on their iPad. Students will hand up assignments as specified by the individual teacher. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that work is not lost due to mechanical failure or accidental deletion. iPad malfunctions are not an acceptable excuse for not submitting work.

Software on iPads/iOS Updates

- Students iPads will be enrolled in the schools Mobile Device Management to deliver apps and help support students with their iPads. Required apps will be distributed to the student's iPads via the Mobile Device Management.
- Students will be required to have the set curriculum apps always loaded on their iPad, these will be determined by the teachers. Students will be required to have their iOS (operating system) updated regularly to keep up with security and new developments.
- Some required apps will be provided as a portion of the stationary fees at the school's discretion.
- Students must only use apps associated with their/ their family's iTunes account. Students cannot share iTunes accounts or apps with other students.

Additional Software

- The iPad may only have content that is G rated at school, this includes applications.
- Students will be asked to delete any apps that contain violence, age specific Social networking (Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, Tiktok, Insta etc), sexual content, inappropriate language etc.
- Most social network platforms require a minimum age of 13. If students are using these Apps will be asked to shut down these accounts and delete them from their iPad.

Inspection

- Students may be selected at random to provide their iPad for inspection.
- Inappropriate content will be removed, students who refuse to remove inappropriate content will not have use of their iPad at school until the content has been removed.

Damages to Devices and Consequences

School Devices

School Devices may consist of; iPads in the Library, Class iPads, Special Education iPads, Laptops, Computers, and other devices that the school has provided for students use. iPads that belong to the School will need to be looked after as the guidelines state. The teachers are responsible for these devices and they must make sure they are in a secure location when not in use.

BYOD iPads

Bring your own device iPads are the property of the student that owns the device. They need to be looked after and maintained by the students and it is the students' responsibility to keep the iPad in a secure location when they are not using it.

Teacher iPads

Teachers may bring their own device to school or use a school supplied teacher device. These devices are not to be used by students as they may contain personal information and to prevent accidental damage. Teacher iPads need to have a security code screen lock to keep their information secure.

Possible damages

The iPad is a portable device that, when not protected properly can be damaged:

- Screen can be cracked, outer case dented and internals damaged if dropped
- If submerged in water or exposed to extreme heat the internals of an iPad can be damaged

The best way to prevent damage is to get a heavy-duty case and keep it secure.

Consequences

In the event that an iPad is broken, the teachers in charge will resolve the issue and give appropriate consequences.

School insurance does not cover the deliberate or accidental damage of individual iPads. The student/students involved will be liable for any damages caused.

- If a student accidentally or deliberately drops/damages their own device they are completely responsible for the damages and replacement/repair. (If it was accidental the School may provide a loan iPad if available for 1 week)
- If a student accidentally or deliberately drops/damages another student's device they are completely responsible for the damages and replacement/repair. (The school will have the broken device repaired and charge the student/students that are at fault)
- Teachers will also give appropriate consequences in line with the schools behaviour policy in regards to deliberate damage and inappropriate use of iPads in the school environment.

iPads should not be damaged if they are enclosed in a heavy-duty case and handled with care.

Student Responsibilities & Guidelines

As a student at Bethany Christian School you are required to agree to the Student iPad Policy & Guidelines before you bring an iPad to school. This contract confirms that you have read the guidelines and responsibilities you are expected to uphold as a digital citizen at Bethany Christian School. It is your responsibility to make good choices and uphold the expectations below. If you choose not to follow these expectations, you may forfeit the right to use an iPad at school and other disciplinary action as appropriate.

Student Responsibilities

- Students will use computer/iPad/devices in a responsible and ethical manner.
- Students will obey general school rules concerning behaviour and communication that apply to iPad/computer use.
- Students will help Bethany Christian School protect its computer system/devices by contacting an administrator about any security problems they may encounter.
- Students will monitor all activity on their account(s).
- Students will use a screen lock and make sure their device is in a secure location when not in use to protect their device and information.
- Students will use the Internet in a safe and appropriate manner, any offensive or inappropriate websites must be reported to class teacher immediately so that they can be blocked.
- Students will respect and look after all iPads including their own, the schools and other student's iPads.

Student Activities Strictly Prohibited

- Illegal installation or transmission of copyrighted materials.
- Any action that violates existing Board policy or public law.
- Sending, accessing, uploading, downloading, or distributing offensive, profane, threatening, pornographic, obscene, or sexually explicit materials.
- Use of chat rooms, sites selling term papers, book reports and other forms of student work.
- Use of 13 + Social Media/Communication services (i.e. Insta, Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, Tiktok etc.)
- Use of communication services during school time other than specified by the teacher. (i.e School Email Account)
- Internet/computer games that are not deemed as educational by teacher.
- Downloading apps that are not for school curriculum.
- Gaining access to another student's accounts, files, and/or data.
- Use of anonymous and/or false communications to bully or cause harm to others.
- Students are not allowed to give out personal information, for any reason, over the Internet.
- Participation in credit card fraud, electronic forgery or other forms of illegal behaviour.
- Vandalism (any malicious attempt to harm or destroy hardware, software, or data, including, but not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses or computer programs that can infiltrate computer systems and/or damage software components) of school equipment will not be allowed.
- Transmission or accessing materials that are obscene, offensive, threatening or otherwise intended to harass or demean recipients.
- Bypassing the Bethany Christian School web filter through a web proxy or VPN service or using mobile SIM cards/data.
- Hacking of hardware or software is strictly prohibited and violators will be subject to disciplinary action.

iPad Care

- iPad batteries must be charged and ready for school each day.
- Borrowed iPads that malfunction or are damaged must be reported to the IT Department. iPads that have been intentionally damaged from student misuse or neglect will be repaired with the cost being borne by the student. Students will be responsible for the entire cost of repairs to iPads that are damaged intentionally or be responsible for full replacement cost.
- iPads that are stolen or lost must be reported immediately to the Office and the Police Department.

Student Discipline

- If a student violates any part of the above policy, he or she will be subject to consequences as outlined in the Bethany Christian School iPad Policy.

Protecting & Storing Your iPad tablet

iPad Identification

Student iPads will be labelled in the manner specified by the school. iPads can be identified in the following ways:

- Record of the iPads serial number on the School data base
- Clear labelling of iPad and accessories (parents' responsibility)

Storing Your iPad

When students are not using their iPads, they should be stored in a classroom, in the storage location designated by their teacher. Students are encouraged to take their iPads home every day after school, regardless of whether or not they are needed. iPads should not be stored in a student's vehicle as they can over heat or get stolen. iPads are not to be left in school bags during the day or taken out of the classroom during lunch and recess time unless permission is granted by a teacher for a specific purpose (not gaming) and the supervising teacher is present.

Do NOT leave your iPad in a place that is experiencing extreme hot or cold conditions (i.e. car in summer or winter). Extreme heat or cold can cause severe damage.

iPads Left in Unsupervised Areas

Under no circumstances should iPads be left in unsupervised areas. Unsupervised areas include the school grounds and campus, play grounds, computer lab, library, toilets etc. Any iPad left in these areas is in danger of being stolen or tampered with. If an iPad is found in an unsupervised area, it will be taken to the Library or the office. Violations may result in loss of iPad privileges and/or other privileges.

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Student iPad Policy Agreement



- I will take good care of my iPad.
- I will charge my iPad's battery daily.
- I will know where my iPad is at all times.
- I will never loan out my iPad to other individuals.
- I will respect and look after school iPads and other students' iPads.
- I will never leave my iPad unattended and will leave it in a secure location when outside the classroom.
- I will keep food and beverages away from my iPad as they may cause damage.
- I will not disassemble any part of my iPad or attempt any repairs.
- I will protect my iPad by only carrying it in its protective casing.
- I will use my iPad in ways that are appropriate, meet Bethany Christian School expectations, and are educational.
- I understand that my iPad is subject to inspection at any time without notice, and will provide any security information to access all content. I will need to delete inappropriate content at the discretion of the teacher.
- I will follow the policies outlined in the Bethany Christian School iPad Policy
- I will file a police report in the case of theft, vandalism, and other acts covered by insurance as well as report to Bethany Christian School.
- I will be responsible for all damage or loss of any iPad that is caused by my neglect or abuse.

I understand that the Internet can connect me to much useful information stored on computers around the world. While I have access to the Internet:

- I will use it only for educational purposes.
- I will not use 13 + social media accounts at school or at home.
- I will not look for anything that is illegal, dangerous or offensive.
- If I accidentally come across something that is illegal, dangerous or offensive, I will:
 - Shut my screen off and immediately and quietly inform my teacher.
 - I will not use the Internet or email to annoy, offend or harass anyone else.

COMPUTER NETWORK AND INTERNET AGREEMENT

I understand that the School monitors both the Internet and computer network usage and if the School decides I have broken these rules, appropriate action will be taken. Any attempt to circumvent the policies of the network or put at risk the security of the network or other computers on any network will be considered a breach of this agreement. The consequence of this may include the School limiting my access to computer facilities and/or loss of my Internet and email access for some time, and may also incur harsher disciplinary action at the discretion of the School's Leadership. Serious and unlawful actions will lead to police notification.

Students experiencing difficulties with computers or the network are to report the matter to ICT Services and/or their teacher.

Consequences of violations of this policy include but are not limited to; confiscation of the device, deletion of apps or inappropriate content, suspension/exclusion and SAPOL investigation.

I agree to the conditions set forth in the Bethany Christian School iPad/Portable Device Guidelines and Acceptable Use Policy.

Students please sign BYOD agreement in your diary to agree with this Student iPad Policy agreement

Thankyou

To allow your child to participate in the iPad Program please read this agreement and sign the BYOD agreement in your students' diary.

(Students will not have access to iPads unless the Student and Parent iPad Policy Agreements are signed in the diary)

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Parent iPad Policy Agreement

As a Parent/Guardian of a student at Bethany Christian School we require you to accept the Policy we have provided for your student/s. We also ask you to take your part as a parent to support the policy and help educate your child in the area of technology and the cyber world.

Parent/Guardian Responsibilities

- Talk to children about values and the standards that your children should follow on the use of the Internet just as you do on the use of all media information sources such as television, telephones, movies, and radio.
- Understand that the child and parent hold full responsibility for their device and will not hold Bethany Christian School liable for any mistreatment, breakages, vandalism or loss of device.
- Make sure device is synced/backed up and the required apps are installed.
- Understand that students under the age of 13 may not take part in age restricted social networking sites such as Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, Insta, TikTok etc.

School Responsibilities

- School will provide Internet access to its students.
- School will seek to block materials considered by the School to be inappropriate.
- School will make available storage facilities for devices to assist in protecting the security of devices.
- Bethany Christian School reserves the right to review, monitor, and restrict information stored on or transmitted via owned equipment and to investigate inappropriate use of resources.
- School will provide staff guidance to aid students in doing research and help assure student compliance of the Acceptable Use Policy.
- Staff will carefully select online content for students to use and at times allow students to create accounts to log on to appropriate educational resource sites with your permission. i.e. Mathletics, Edmodo, specific apps etc.
- School will create an email account for students that are for school purposes only. This email account will be used for Google Classroom, Google Drive, Microsoft, Adobe, Scratch, code.org and other educational online activities that require account log in.

Consequences of violations of this policy include but are not limited to; confiscation of the device, deletion of apps or inappropriate content, suspension/exclusion and SAPOL investigation.

Parents please sign the BYOD agreement in your child's diary to agree with this Parent iPad Policy agreement