



# CORNERSTONE CHARTER ACADEMY

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## Guiding Principles

There are many educational resources that directly relate to the curriculum that may be utilized during the academic day. Technology may be used to enhance and support the curriculum. Parents should be allowed control over what materials their children are exposed to.

## Relation to Mission

A rigorous curriculum emphasizes content rich subject matter, important concepts and critical thinking skills. Technology may be used to support and enhance the curriculum. The use of technology to support the curriculum should help students gain knowledge, comprehend content, apply subject material, analyze data, evaluate concepts and use what they have learned. The use of technology should encourage the student's inquisitiveness, determination, creative thinking and perseverance giving them the opportunity to reach his or her full potential. Parental permission for use of the internet in the classroom allows parents to have meaningful involvement in the education of their student.

## Policy

All use of the Internet during school hours must be in support of education and research and consistent with the educational objective of the school district. Users must have a well-defined, documented reason for accessing the Internet. No "surfing" is allowed. "Surfing" is the term describing unstructured searches or exploring with no specific, pre-determined goal or purpose.

All Internet users must have a topic, or subject to be researched; student research must be directly related to a given assignment from one or more teacher(s). There should be adult supervision while any student is researching via the Internet.

Maintain Network Etiquette (sometimes called “Netiquette”): Use or transmission of offensive or vulgar language or of threatening or abusive language is prohibited. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities may be reported to the authorities. Disrupting network communications are prohibited. All information accessible via the network should be assumed to be private property of the person or organization presenting the material and may be subject to copyright, trademark or other legal protections.

Privileges: The use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use may result in the suspension or revocation of the privilege. Any misuse of the Internet may result in disciplinary action

Security: Security on any computer system is a high priority, especially when the system involves many users. Any user identified as a security risk or having a history of problems with other computer systems may be denied access to the Internet.

Denying Access: Children are not to be granted access to the Internet without proper parental or guardian permission. If a parent or guardian is uncomfortable with the option of his or her child or children accessing the Internet, the student(s) may be assigned to a different activity when classmates are using the Internet. Teachers must provide alternative assignments to students in this circumstance. Teachers will provide parents with a student technology use agreement form.

Disclaimer: CCA-CFA makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, of the quality or dependability of the Internet service it is providing or the information obtained from the Internet. CCA-CFA will not be responsible for any damages suffered while using the Internet. This includes but may not be limited to loss of data, delays or delivery failures or service interruptions caused by technical problems or by human error. Employees assume all responsibility and risk associated with the use of any general, copyrighted, prohibited or other information obtained via the Internet.

Usernames, Account ID, Account Numbers and Passwords: Usernames, account numbers, account ID and passwords issued to students and staff members must remain confidential.

Students Use of Computers and the Internet: Student use of the Internet requires teacher consent and the student signature and parental permission granted via the student technology use agreement form. Student Internet use is permitted for school related activities only. Teachers, administrators and staff will always strive to maintain appropriate levels of supervision of Internet use by students. Students are not permitted to search for, download, or print any objectionable, vulgar, or offensive material. Specifically, as required by the Children’s Internet Protection Act, blocking shall be applied to visual depictions of material deemed obscene or child pornography, or to any material deemed harmful to minors. Subject to staff supervision, technology protection measures may be disabled for adults or, in the case of minors, minimized only for bona fide research or other lawful purposes

Unsupervised participation in group discussion chats or new groups is not permitted. Authorized representatives of the school may monitor the use of the school's equipment and network from time to time. To the extent practical, Internet filters shall be used to block or filter Internet, or other forms of electronic communication and access to inappropriate information. This may include viewing incoming and outgoing e-mail messages. The Student Technology Use Agreement Form will be maintained by the school and should be verified prior to assigning independent research on the Internet.

Harassment-free Workplace: CCA-CFA strives to maintain a workplace that is free of harassment. Therefore, CCA-CFA prohibits the use of computers and the e-mail system in ways that are disruptive, offensive to others, or harmful to morale. For example, the display or transmission of sexually explicit images, messages, and cartoons is not allowed. Other misuse includes, but is not limited to, ethnic slurs, racial comments, off-color jokes, or anything that may be construed as harassment or disrespectful of others.

Risk of Prosecution: "Illegally downloading music, movies, software, and pornography using the school network may result in criminal prosecution. Hacking into the school network may also result in criminal prosecution."