

## **Zion Lutheran School Computer Policy**

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## **Use Policy for Students Agreement Form**

**Zion Lutheran School, Rapid City, SD**

Zion Lutheran School has implemented a computer system, with Internet capability in the lab and all the classrooms. This will allow opportunities for students, staff and patrons to communicate, learn, access, and publish information. We believe that the resources available through the Internet and the skills that students will develop in using it are of significant value in the learning process, and to student's success in the future. These opportunities also pose many new challenges including, but not limited to, access for all students, age-level appropriateness of material, security, and the cost of maintaining ever more elaborate systems. Zion Lutheran School will endeavor to insure that these concerns are appropriately addressed, but cannot insure that problems will not arise.

Zion Lutheran School intends only to provide a means for educational activities. We dedicate the property comprising the computers, and grant access to it by users, only for the educational activities authorized under this policy and procedures and under the specific limitations contained therein.

These four basic rules set down by Zion Lutheran School must be followed in all cases:

- All use of the Zion Lutheran School Internet must be used to support school work, other formal education or community service involvement;
- All Internet use by students must be supervised by adults (the students should have permission to use the Internet and an adult must be present in the same room);
- No student should type their own or anyone else's name, address, phone number or other personal information into anything on the Internet;
- Students are not to search the entire Internet (e.g. using Google, Internet Explorer, MSN, Bing, Firefox etc..) without explicit adult permission and direct adult supervision. "Direct adult supervision" means that an adult is working directly with the student to help him or her to decide which of the search results will be most appropriate for the student's purposes.

The Internet is neither a playground nor an amusement park and should not be used in that manner – at any grade level. We must instill in our students the proper use of this great resource and help them develop the responsible behavior with which they are charged as a user of the technology.

Zion Lutheran School will provide training and procedures that encourage the widest possible access to electronic information systems and computers by students while establishing reasonable controls for the lawful, efficient, and appropriate use and management of the system. This includes the freedom to change procedures when deemed necessary.

Network/Internet access is a privilege not a right. It entails responsibility. Any user violating Zion Lutheran School User Policy, state and federal laws is subject to the loss of privileges and other disciplinary action. Data files or messages related to or in support of illegal activities may involve law enforcement agencies.

Zion Lutheran School will not be responsible for financial obligations incurred by users of the network/Internet system. Any damages a user may suffer including loss of data will not be the responsibility of Zion Lutheran School. All students shall assume full liability for their actions.

Although Zion Lutheran School has systems to regulate students' network/Internet access, it is impossible to control all content of the data. It is the student's responsibility to initiate access to appropriate materials.

I have read the Computer and Use Policy for Zion Lutheran School and agree to promote this agreement within the ministries and mission of the school. I agree to follow the policy set forth in the Zion Lutheran School Computer and Use Policy.

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**Parents please fill this out and return this entire page to Zion Lutheran School**

\*I authorize \_\_\_\_\_ to have network/access privileges.  
Student's legal name

\*I **DO NOT** authorize \_\_\_\_\_ to have network/access privileges.  
Student's legal name

Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Current Date \_\_\_\_\_