

Student Electronic Device and Internet Use Rules

Veritas Classical Schools now permits the use of electronic devices in the educational setting at the discretion of school administrators and classroom teachers. As students continue academic and social growth as part of a 21st century society, it is essential that they become fluent and responsible digital citizens of technology and web-based information. This initiative will provide students with access to technology resources to support their academic growth and to help them further prepare for a wide range of professional opportunities that require competency and collaboration in a technology-driven environment.

These rules accompany the Veritas Policy Handbook. Each student is responsible for his/her actions and any activities involving electronic devices, networks, and Internet services. These rules provide general guidance concerning the use of the electronic devices and examples of prohibited uses. The rules do not attempt to describe every possible prohibited activity by students. Students, parents/guardians, and school staff who have questions about whether a particular activity is prohibited are encouraged to contact administration.

A. Consequences for Violation of Electronic Device Use Policy and Rules

Student use of the electronic devices, networks, and Internet services at school is a privilege, not a right. Compliance with Veritas policies and rules concerning electronic device use is mandatory. Students who violate these policies and rules may have their electronic device privileges limited, suspended, or revoked. Such violations may also result in disciplinary action, referral to law enforcement, and/or legal action. The administration shall have final authority to decide whether a student's privileges will be limited, suspended or revoked based upon the circumstances of the particular case, the student's prior disciplinary record, and any other relevant factors.

B. Acceptable Use

The electronic devices, networks, and Internet services are for educational purposes and research consistent with the school's educational mission, curriculum, and instructional goals. All school policies, school rules, and expectations concerning student conduct and communications apply when students are using electronic devices. Students are also expected to comply with all specific instructions from teachers and other school staff or volunteers when using the electronic devices.

C. Prohibited Uses

Examples of unacceptable uses of electronic devices that are expressly prohibited include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Photographing, audio recording, video recording or otherwise recording individuals without their permission;
2. Any student sending, portraying, sharing, possessing inappropriate pictures or videos of themselves or of other people;
3. Accessing Inappropriate Materials – Accessing, submitting, posting, publishing, forwarding, downloading, scanning, or displaying defamatory, abusive, obscene, vulgar, sexually explicit, sexually suggestive, threatening, discriminatory, harassing and/or illegal materials;

