



TECHNOLOGY, CYBER BULLYING, iPADS, SOCIAL MEDIA and CELL PHONE POLICIES

Maintaining appropriate iPad, Computer and Internet etiquette is required of all students.

The following Agreement must be read, understood and signed by both Parents and Students in order for student to be allowed to utilize a computer, SMARTBoard, their own iPad and/or be allowed access to the Internet.

CELL PHONE, COMPUTER or IPAD USE/ INTERNET ACCESS:

Only age-appropriate, educational APPS may be installed in a Child's iPad. Students are strictly prohibited from the following:

1. Using a cell phone or other similar communication device at any time, for any reason, without permission.
Note: Cell phones brought to school must be turned off and turned into the Main Office before class starts in the morning.
2. Wearing or bringing a Smart Watch of any kind to school, including the Apple iWatch.
3. Accessing sites such as Instagram, Twitter, Facebook, Messenger, TikTok, Snap Chat, Sweet Snap, or any other online platform during school hours. Students using these platforms on campus or before/after school, to share sexually inappropriate contents, or to bully, cause fear, harass, or threaten others, will face consequences that can include detention, suspension, or immediate expulsion.
4. Chatting, emailing or instant messaging at any time inside the Campus, athletic fields, school bus/van or during any Field Trip or Extra-Curricular event.
5. Using their iPad to place a phone call, record and/or take photos or videos of other students, faculty or staff at any time.
6. Sending or posting inappropriate, threatening, abusive, sexually explicit or harassing e-mails, photos or text messages to any student or teacher via email, text, chat group, or any Social Network site.
7. Accessing or downloading any YouTube or Netflix videos or other game sites without Teacher's direct authorization.
8. Disclosing any type of personal information, including submission of inappropriate photographs or videos, on-line or via cell phone.
9. Downloading, sending, showing, viewing and/or accessing inappropriate, sexually explicit photos, videos, unauthorized or non-educational websites, inappropriate APPS, e-mails, games or attachments of any kind. These include aggressive APPS or game APPS or messages with inappropriate language; (such as KILL, DEATH or DIE, SLAUGHTER, MURDER, SHOOT, GUNS, etc.) and virtual game Apps such as SNAPCHAT, POKEMON GO, etc.
10. Accessing Parent or Teacher's private iCloud accounts, e-mails or other personal APPS.

NOTE: We strongly urge our Parents to create a separate account, not share their passwords and continuously monitor computer/iPad usage at home. Students may face serious consequences at school for inappropriate actions or bullying against other Highpoint students or Teachers/Staff even when utilizing another cell phone, computer or iPad outside of school grounds. Students caught violating any of the above will face detention, suspension or immediate expulsion at the sole discretion of the Administration.

CONSEQUENCES FOR IMPROPER/UNAUTHORIZED USE OF CELL PHONE/COMPUTER/INTERNET/IPAD:

Use of cell phones is prohibited while student is on campus. Students that fail to abide by our established acceptable technology use policies will face immediate consequences. Depending on the circumstances, these may include ONE OR MORE of the following:

1. Prohibiting access to the Internet at school.
2. Student's iPad and/or CELL PHONE may be confiscated and not returned until the end of the school year.
3. Saturday morning, early morning or After-School Detention.
4. Indoor or Outdoor Suspension.
5. Immediate Expulsion.

CONSEQUENCES FOR CYBER BULLYING/HARASSMENT OR THREATS

Highpoint has **zero-tolerance for bullying** and harassment of any kind; (see BULLYING and HARASSMENT POLICIES.) If there is evidence that a student has bullied, harassed or threatened another Student, Teacher or Staff Member on-line, in a chat room, on any Social Network site, via e-mail or phone text, instant messaging, etc., student will face immediate consequences, including immediate expulsion.

PARENT/STUDENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

All parents and students enrolled at Highpoint Academy acknowledge they have read and understood the policies herein described.

I/we hereby give consent for my son/daughter to access the Internet at Highpoint Academy, Inc. I/we have read and clearly understand the rules for usage and the consequences for use of a cell phone and for improper use of a Computer, iPad and/or Internet access. I have read the iPad Program Information, Rules and Policies. I give permission for Highpoint's Faculty and Administration to inspect my child's iPad or cell phone, access their personal information, including downloads, texts, IM's, emails, chats, photos, APPS, etc. and/or all Social Media or other postings. I'm aware of the serious consequences my child will face if there is evidence that he/she has used devices inappropriately or has bullied, threatened or harassed a Student, Teacher or Staff member, whether from home or from school. I hereby hold Highpoint Academy, Inc., its owners and employees harmless of any responsibility with regard to my child's unauthorized use of inappropriate on-line sites that he/she may access without permission or authorization.