**Parkview Junior Academy
Computer User Agreement and Parent Permission Form**

We are pleased to offer the students of Parkview Junior Academy access to our school computer network for electronic mail and the Internet. To gain access to email and the Internet all students must obtain parental permission and must sign this form.

Access to email and the Internet will enable students to explore thousands of libraries, databases, and bulletin boards while exchanging messages with Internet users throughout the world. Families should be warned that some material accessible via the Internet may contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate, or potentially offensive to some people. While our intent is to make Internet access available to further educational goals and objectives, students may find ways to access other materials as well. We believe that the benefits to students from access to the Internet, in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration, exceed any disadvantages. Ultimately, however, parents and guardians of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using media and information sources. To that end, Parkview Junior Academy supports and respects each family’s right to decide whether or not to apply for access.

**School Internet and E-mail Rules:**

Students are responsible for good behavior on school computer networks just as they are in a classroom or school hallway. Communications on the Internet are often public in nature. General rules for behavior and communications apply. The computer is provided for students to conduct research and communicate with others. Access to the Internet is given to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. Parent permission is required. Access is a privilege- not a right. Access entails responsibility.

Students will be expected to sign up for computer access, and all computer use will be screened. Monitoring software has been installed on all school computers to aid in this process.

Within reason, freedom of speech and access to information will be honored. During school, teachers will guide students toward appropriate materials. Outside of school, families bear the same responsibility for such guidance as they use information sources such as television, telephones, movies, radio, and other potentially offensive media.

As outlined in the Parkview Junior Academy Handbook, the following are not permitted:

* **Sending or displaying offensive messages or images, in or out of school**
* **Using obscene language, in or out of school**
* **Harassing, insulting, or attacking others, in or out of school**
* **Damaging computers, computer systems, or computer networks**
* **Violating copyright laws**
* **Intentionally wasting limited resources**
* **Employing the computers for commercial purposes**

Violations may result in loss of access as well as other disciplinary or legal action.

**Cyber-bullying and Harassment:**

The Internet, unfortunately, provides opportunities for individuals to harm others remotely. In the case of students, this often occurs when students are unsupervised outside of school hours. The nature of cyber-bullying and harassment is such that activities conducted outside of school may have a serious effect on relationships within the school, creating an environment that is unsuitable for learning. For this reason, and because the Christian lifestyle upon which our school is based is a full-time commitment (not one which is “turned on” upon entering the school doors and “turned off” upon leaving), students who engage in cyber-bullying or harassment, in or **out** of school, will be held accountable and will be subject to disciplinary action.

**User Agreement and Parent Permission Form**

As a user of Parkview Junior Academy’s computers and/or network, I hereby agree to comply with the above stated rules, communicating over the Internet in an appropriate fashion consistent with Christian values, while honoring all relevant laws and restrictions.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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As the parent or legal guardian of the minor student signing above, I grant permission for my son or daughter to access computer services such as electronic mail and the Internet at Parkview Junior Academy. I understand that individuals and families may be held liable for violations of policy. I understand that some materials on the Internet may be objectionable, but I accept responsibility for guidance of Internet use, setting and conveying standards for my daughter or son to follow when selecting, sharing, or exploring information and media. I understand that teachers may create accounts for students in online sites such as Google Documents or Spelling City, for example. I agree to hold my child accountable for his/her computer behaviors both in and out of school and to support the school in corrective actions should my child be involved in computer behavior unbecoming of a Christian.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**\_\_**

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