Classroom Acceptable Technology Use Contract

To our Bobcat Students and Parents/Guardians:

The computers, peripherals, network, software, and machinery in the classrooms at Bethany Charter School are intended solely for technology class work and teacher-directed school projects. One of our main responsibilities as a teacher is to maintain a safe and appropriate environment using technology. Bethany Charter School utilizes *Google apps in education*. A Google account is provided for each student. We offer this in all subjects and disciplines to support collaboration and portability in education. This complements student learning and provides a digital locker space for storage of online course work.

To ensure appropriate technology safety we wish to share a list of activities that are prohibited in the lab and the consequences for engaging in them. The penalties for infractions are steep and are designed to give students serious pause before doing something inappropriate. These are school rules.

As technology changes, Bethany Charter reserves the right to add items and consequences to these lists as needed. Students and parents/guardians must sign the back of this document and return it to BCS before accessing classroom technology.

**Technology Offenses—Level 1**

*Any of the following without proper permission:*

- Playing games
- Burning CD’s
- Downloading
- Instant messaging
- Listening to personal CD’s
- Watching videos
- Personal email
- Hiding screen from teacher

**Level I Penalty**

- Loss of technology privileges and restriction to desk for
  - 5 school days (first offense)
  - 10 school days (second offense)
  - 30 school days (third offense)
  - remainder of semester (fourth offense)
- Call to parents/guardians (each offense)
- Referral (each offense)

**Technology Offenses—Level II**

- Theft
- Intentionally damaging equipment and/or software
- Accessing inappropriate web sites (this may also be a Level II offense, depending on nature of content)
- Stealing passwords
• Inappropriate network access
• Tampering with teacher laptop or desktop computer
• Harassment of others via school computer/network/peripherals
• Forgery of any classroom documents

Level II Penalty
• Loss of technology privileges and restriction to desk for
  • 30 school days (first offense)
  • Permanent loss of all technology privileges and restriction to desk (second offense)
• Referral (each offense)
• Call to parents/guardians (each offense)

For the Student
I agree not to partake in the inappropriate use of classroom technology as defined by this document or as by Bethany Charter School. I understand completely the consequences described above and have discussed them with my parents. I understand the penalties for violations and that BCS has the right to add items to either list as the need arises.
Student Name (Print) ________________________________
Student Signature ________________________________
Date __________________

For the Parent
My child and I have read the Acceptable Technology Use Contract for Bethany Charter School, and s/he agrees not to engage in any inappropriate use of technology as defined by this document or by BCS. Furthermore, my child and I understand and accept the penalties for violations and that BCS has the right to add items to either list as the need arises.
Parent/Guardian Name (Print) _______________________
Parent Signature _________________________________
Date __________________