

Preston Hollow Presbyterian School

e-Reader Acceptable Use Policy & Agreement Form

Introduction

Electronic readers, simply called “e-Readers”, are digital devices that can store books, periodicals, magazines and other electronic media. E-Readers like Amazon’s Kindle and Barnes & Noble’s Nook are quickly becoming ubiquitous in our digital culture and they simply cannot be ignored. In striving to maintain technological relevance in education, PHPS is providing the opportunity for students to use these devices in accordance with our e-Reader Acceptable Use Policy. This opportunity is a privilege that requires extra caution and responsibility both on the part of the students and their parents.

e-Reader Acceptable Use Policy

The wide variety of hardware and software capabilities of available e-Readers makes them challenging to monitor and control in a school environment in contrast with school owned technology assets like computers, etc. Therefore, our e-Reader Acceptable Use Policy needs to be specific and clear. A student who violates any portion of the e-Reader Acceptable Use Policy may immediately lose the privilege to use their e-Reader at school for a length of time commensurate with the nature of the violation.

1. All e-Readers must be registered with the student’s classroom teacher and accompanied by the Acceptable Use Agreement Form signed both by the parents and the student.
2. e-Readers are to be used **only** for the reading of school approved material (books, etc.) and not for other purposes such as communication, entertainment, music, gaming, etc.
3. All e-Readers must have cellular and network capabilities disabled (turned off) while the device is at school.
4. e-Readers must be used at appropriate times in accordance with teacher instructions. The e-Reader must not be a distraction for the student or those around him/her nor be a source of any classroom disruption.
5. Students may not use the earphones to listen to books at school. The e-readers are to be used for reading practice, just as a hardback book would be used. Use of the earphones is a wonderful tool when a student wants to read a book at his interest level but above his skill level. This should be done at home and not counted as home reading since again he is not reading for himself. A student should not be earning AR points on books he/she did not read himself.
6. e-Readers are not to be taken to lunch or recess.
7. The student is responsible for knowing how to properly and effectively use their e-Readers and this should not be a burden for the teachers.
8. School personnel are not responsible for troubleshooting difficulties with use of e-Readers.

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Parent/Guardian Agreement

I authorize my child to bring their e-Reader to Preston Hollow Presbyterian School with the understanding that it is to be used as a tool for reading only and that my child will comply with the aforementioned e-Reader Acceptable Use Policy. I understand that PHPS is not responsible for any damage or loss associated with my child's e-Reader. I also understand that a violation of the e-Reader policy may result in my child losing the privilege to bring their e-Reader to school for a length of time commensurate with the nature of the violation.

Parent/Guardian Name: (Print) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

e-Reader Make/Model: _____

e-Reader Serial Number: _____

Student Agreement

I agree to abide by all guidelines set forth in the Preston Hollow Presbyterian School's e-Reader Acceptable Use Policy. I understand that a violation of the e-Reader policy may result in losing the privilege to bring the e-Reader to school for a length of time commensurate with the nature of the violation.

Student Name: (Print) _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Director of Technology

Signature: _____ Date: _____