

# GHCA Wireless Network Terms of Use

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Greater Houlton Christian Academy provides a secure, wireless network to the Internet-based services required for our **Laptop Initiative**. Using Internet-enabled devices on GHCA property is a privilege that is granted only to those who accept the following Terms of Use.

1. The GHCA wireless network is provided for academic purposes only. Any use of the network for non-academic purposes is prohibited unless a waiver is issued by the student's instructor and the system administrator.
2. To access the network, each student is issued a WPA key (a string of alphanumeric text) which gives that student access to our encrypted wireless network. This key is an important part of our authentication and security mechanism. Under NO circumstance is this key to be given to another student or any individual outside of the GHCA enrollment. Loss of control of this key will result in the network being rekeyed, which can take days. A student who gives this key to another will be subject to disciplinary action and possible fines covering the man-hours needed to rekey the network.
3. The GHCA wireless network has multiple layers of filtering to help prevent students from accidentally or intentionally accessing inappropriate websites and other content. However, no filter is perfect, and therefore students are to report any suspicious material that they find online to their instructor.
4. The GHCA filters also reduce bandwidth-wasting by blocking video streaming websites, downloading of large files, etc. Students are expected to be considerate of other students using the network and therefore are not to "hog" bandwidth. For example, do not downloading hundreds of photos using our network.
5. Each student is identified on our network by their individual laptop computer. All activity on our network is logged and associated with the owner of each laptop. Reports are generated and made available to staff and parents. This is vital for the security of our network as well as the enforcement of these policies. It is highly recommended that students do not lend their laptops out to others while using our network. The owner of the laptop is responsible for the use of that laptop!
6. Purposeful use or attempted use of any network to visit inappropriate websites, conduct illegal or immoral acts, or to otherwise engage in activity that is contrary to the mission of GHCA and the honor code is strictly forbidden. Any such violation will result in immediate suspension of the student's account, as well as discipline in proportion to the activity engaged in. Such content includes but is not limited to pornography, profanity, sites inspiring hate and violence, gambling sites, etc.
7. The system administrator is required by law to report any suspected criminal activity to the authorities. Such activities include but is not limited to hacking public and private computer networks, downloading child pornography, stealing copyrighted material, etc.
8. It is the responsibility of the owner of each laptop to prevent their system from being compromised by a computer virus, Trojan horse, or other malware. When virus-related network traffic is detected, the infected computer will be quarantined from the wireless network.
9. The GHCA wireless network has a strong firewall to prevent infected laptops and malicious hackers from accessing secure sections of our network. However, due to the nature of wireless, our firewall cannot protect laptop computers from other laptop computers within radio range of each other. GHCA makes no guarantees or claims regarding the content of the data flowing over the wireless network, and by agreeing to these terms, the user and owner of a laptop on our network agrees to not hold GHCA liable in the event that the laptop is compromised or damaged by malware. See item #8 for further details.
10. Any purposeful attempt to bypass a GHCA firewall, filter, or other security measure will result in suspension of the account and disciplinary action. This includes using non-GHCA wireless access points. Users are not to use tools meant to crack network security on any GHCA device, nor are users allowed to hack other laptops on the network.

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Please fill out the following form and turn it in along with your laptop at the request of the system administrator. See Mr. Surran if you have any questions, or visit [www.ghca.com/laptops](http://www.ghca.com/laptops) for further details.

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Middle Initial: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Laptop make / model: \_\_\_\_\_

Year You Graduate: \_\_\_\_\_

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