

TACOMA BAPTIST SCHOOL SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

The world of technology continues to expand at a rapid pace. As an *academic* institution, Tacoma Baptist embraces the advances of technology and seeks to utilize them for educational purposes; and as a *Christian* institution, we also seek to apply biblical principles to the use of such technology.

For these reasons, we encourage students to actively participate online through social media, blogs, and other content creation and interactive websites and apps. But we also seek to train students to use technology in a way that reflects the character of Christ and the shared values of our TBS community.

Students are expected to follow the guidelines listed below in order to create a safe, respectful, and moral atmosphere in every online environment. Students who violate this policy will be assigned appropriate consequences (see p. ____) and risk forfeiting their privilege of being a student at Tacoma Baptist.

As a student of Tacoma Baptist School, I agree to...

- Represent Christ and Tacoma Baptist School well by posting content that reflects Christian and Crusader values. I will not post content or comments that are threatening, harassing, illegal, obscene, defamatory, slanderous, or hostile towards any individual or entity. This includes links to websites and content that contain offensive or immoral media.
- Avoid showing approval of inappropriate posts (by “liking”, sharing, commenting, etc.). Doing so is seen as equivalent to posting the content myself and will result in similar consequences.
- Interact with others in a respectful, courteous, and positive manner through my comments and posting of content.
- Identify myself truthfully through my social media accounts. I will not create alternate social media accounts under an alias, nickname, or someone else’s name nor will I provide false information within my account.
- Respect the privacy of others. I will not post the phone numbers, addresses, email addresses, or other personal information of other individuals. If I post my own personal information, that information is now public and can be misused.
- Protect my personal social media accounts. I will not allow another individual or entity to use my personal identification to post content or comments on my behalf.
- Stand up for the safety and well-being of others. I will notify school faculty or administration if I am aware of a student being bullied, harassed, slandered, or threatened online by someone else.
- Respect the rights of other people and their content. I will not post content or comments that infringe on the rights of TBS or any individual or entity, including privacy, intellectual property, or publication rights.

I understand that any comments posted to our TBS website or social media sites are considered public and may be used by the school for promotional or other purposes. TBS reserves the right to reject or remove comments on school websites or social media accounts if they violate the above policy. We also reserve the right to amend this policy as we see fit.

I also agree to indemnify and hold harmless Tacoma Baptist School, its affiliates, directors, employees, successors and assigns against any damages, losses, liabilities, judgments, causes of action, costs or expenses (including reasonable attorneys’ fees and costs) arising out of any claim by a third party relating to any material user has posted on TBS-sponsored sites.

STUDENT NAME: _____ DATE: _____

STUDENT SIGNATURE: _____

PARENTS NAME: _____ DATE: _____

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____

