

# Wartburg Theological Seminary Student Technology Policy

## Use of WTS Computer Network Equipment, Email, and Internet Access

1. All use of this equipment and facilities will be in full compliance with all applicable local, state, and federal laws (www.copyright.gov). Unauthorized distribution of copyrighted materials, including but not limited to unauthorized peer – to – peer file sharing, may subject you to civil and criminal liabilities.
2. All use of this equipment and facilities will be consistent with the ethos of Wartburg Theological Seminary as articulated in the Seminary's Mission Statement; the Seminary's Student, Staff, and Faculty Handbooks; and the Constitution of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.
3. Access to technology (including laptops, cell phones, and other devices) in the classrooms of Wartburg Theological Seminary should serve to enhance the teaching and learning objectives of our courses. Inappropriate use of technology (such as social networking, shopping, reading news articles or sports reports, chatting, email, or playing games) during class time detracts from one's own learning, may be distracting for other students, and is disrespectful to the instructor and the learning community. Students who use technology inappropriately may be required to stop bringing a particular device to class. Egregious misuse may negatively affect the student's grade for the course.
4. This equipment and facilities may not be used for personal commercial enterprise, personal political activities, partisan political campaigning, or partisan political lobbying activities. Charitable solicitations using this equipment and facilities is not permitted except as authorized by the President of Wartburg Theological Seminary.
5. Based on the discernment of probable cause, the Seminary has the right to examine any messages or file(s) created or maintained on Seminary equipment or systems to determine compliance with these policies.
6. Wartburg Seminary provided virus protection will be required for all computers on the WTS network. If students do not have seminary provided virus protection and/or are the source of a virus, their computer will be shut off from the network until virus protection is obtained and demonstrated. This will be implemented upon administrative decision.
7. Violations of these policies will be subject to Wartburg disciplinary action including dismissal.

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**I have read and understand the above policy and the attached standards, and agree to abide by them.**

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

On campus address: \_\_\_\_\_

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