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OUR MISSION

Açı Schools aim to equip their students with 21st-century skills, enabling them to pursue higher education at the world's most competitive institutions and become individuals who add value to the world they live in.

OUR VISION

Açı Schools offer learning opportunities and different programs according to individual differences and the needs of various professions.

OUR PHILOSOPHY

It is obvious that in the future, due to population growth and the rapid depletion of natural resources,there will be   faster and more challenging changes, both economically and socially. Schools must embrace these challenges and changes; they must raise individuals who can manage these phenomena with good analysis, without compromising universal values. As Açı Schools, we believe in the power of knowledge, the unifying nature of universal values, and the responsibility to improve both human life and the existing conditions of nature.

OUR VALUES

- Integrity (Consistency, fairness, and truthfulness)
- Respect (For other people, cultures, living beings, the environment, and individual differences)
- Responsibility (On personal, social, and community levels)
- Productivity (An individual who adds value to society)
- Awareness (In the context of personal and human conditions)

SCOPE OF THE CONTRACT

The digital world has become a reality that affects and transforms every aspect of our lives. As high school students, it is essential for us to use the opportunities offered by this world responsibly and to protect ourselves from its risks by acting consciously and ethically. This contract contains commitments to demonstrate responsible and ethical behavior in the digital world. All of our high school students are encouraged to adopt and apply this contract, contributing to making the digital world a better place.

Contract Articles:

1. Be Respectful and Tolerant: You may encounter people online with different views and beliefs. Be respectful to everyone and remain open to differing opinions. Avoid discrimination of any kind and bullying. Use positive language in online environments.

2. Be Safe: Never share your personal information or passwords with anyone. Do not believe everything you encounter on the internet and do not download files from unknown sources. Take necessary precautions against risks like cyberbullying and fraud.

3. Be Creative: Use the digital world as a platform to share your ideas and express yourself. Create original content and respect others' works. Be honest in academic work and avoid plagiarism. Cite all information that needs to be referenced correctly and thoroughly.

4. Be Responsible: Ensure the accuracy of the information you share. Be cautious of misinformation and disinformation. Remember that content shared online is permanent and avoid illegal activities. Pay attention to copyright violations.

5. Be Helpful: Help those in need in the digital world. Support victims of cyberbullying and contribute positively to online communities.

6. Maintain Digital Balance: Keep your screen time in check and maintain your connection with the real world by distancing yourself from digital environments. Take precautions against digital stress and fatigue.

APPLICATIONS THAT MAKE DIGITAL ACCESS SAFE IN OUR SCHOOL

To ensure that our students have safe and responsible access to the digital world, we offer various applications. These applications support students' learning while ensuring they stay safe online.

Username and Password Management

Each student is provided with a username and password to access the school system and CIS accounts. Students are encouraged to keep their passwords confidential and not share them with anyone. They are also advised to change their passwords regularly and use strong passwords.

School Email Accounts

Each student is given a school email account with the format ad.soyad@stu.acischools.k12.tr. This email account can be used for communication with teachers, submitting assignments, and accessing school resources.

Secure Internet Connection

At the beginning of the school year, students' tablets are registered in the school system by their Wi-Fi MAC addresses, ensuring secure internet access. This way, students can only connect to the school network with authorized devices, reducing the risk of encountering unwanted content while browsing the internet.

Microsoft Teams and Google Classroom

Platforms like Microsoft Teams and Google Classroom allow students to communicate with teachers and each other, share assignments, and participate in online classes. Students can access these platforms securely using their school email addresses.

Access to Office Applications

Students can access Office 365 with their school email addresses and use applications like Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and more.

Academic Integrity - Use of Turnitin

To promote academic integrity and prevent plagiarism, we use Turnitin, a text similarity detection software. Students can submit their assignments and projects to Turnitin to reduce the risk of plagiarism.

Child Protection Policy

We want to ensure that our students are safe in the online environment. Therefore, we have a Child Protection Policy that all students and stakeholders must comply with. This policy aims to protect students from cyberbullying, cyber harassment, and other harmful online content.

CONCLUSION

We offer various applications to ensure that our students use the digital world safely and responsibly. These applications support students' learning while ensuring they remain safe online.

Education and Awareness:

Common Sense Digital Citizenship Curriculum: https://www.commonsense.org/education/digital-citizenship

Topics Covered in the Common Sense Digital Citizenship Curriculum:

1. Media Balance and Well-being: Involves maintaining a healthy balance and mental well-being in online environments. Topics include setting personal boundaries, managing screen time, and reducing digital stress.

2. Privacy and Security: Teaches students how to protect their personal information, apply security measures, and protect themselves against online threats.

3. Digital Footprint and Identity: Emphasizes how online interactions leave a permanent trace and how digital identities are shaped. Focuses on managing online traces and building a positive digital identity.

4. Relationships and Communication: Promotes ethical behavior on online platforms. Develops digital communication skills and supports building healthy online relationships.

5. Cyberbullying, Digital Drama, and Hate Speech: Encourages students to be aware of negative behaviors such as cyberbullying and any discriminations and learn how to handle such situations.

6. News and Media Literacy: Teaches students to evaluate the accuracy of information from the internet, recognize media manipulation, and identify reliable sources. It empowers students in critical thinking and access to information.

The digital world is our shared living space. We all have a responsibility to make it a better place. By adopting and applying this contract, we can create a more responsible and ethical environment in the digital world. I promise to follow the digital citizenship principles in this contract and accept the procedures of the Açı Discipline Board if I do not adhere to these principles.

My Name and Surname: ....

Signature: …………………………………………………..

Date: …………………………………………………..