



INTERNET USE TERMS AND CONDITIONS

A. Computer Lab

St. Joseph Catholic School is very proud of its computer lab and the use of technology woven throughout the curriculum. The computers in the lab have an internet connection and parents and students sign an "acceptable use" agreement each year stating that they will adhere to the computer use guidelines and only use appropriate and approved web sites while online at school.

B. Internet Use

The acceptable use agreement for the Internet and any other Internet-related policy and procedures will remain on file in the computer lab. This and other related documents are available for review by all parents, guardians, school employees, and other community members.

1. Acceptable Use

The purpose of the Internet is to support research and education in and among academic institutions in the U.S. by providing access to unique resources and the opportunity for collaborative work. The use of the Internet must be in support of education and research and consistent with the educational objectives of St. Joseph Catholic School. The use of the Internet resources may not be used in violation of any U.S., state, or local regulations. The Internet resources may not be used to upload, download, or distribute pornographic, obscene, sexually explicit, or threatening materials. The Internet resources may not be used to infringe on copyright or to plagiarize material. Students are not allowed to check their home e-mail accounts or that of friends and family.

2. Privileges

The Internet at St. Joseph Catholic School is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges. Based upon the acceptable use guidelines outlined in this document, the system administrators will deem what is inappropriate use and their decision is final. Also, the system administrators may close an account at any time as required. The administration, faculty, and staff of St. Joseph Catholic School may request the system administrator to deny, revoke, or suspend specific user accounts.

3. Etiquette

All are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Be polite. Do not write or send unkind, abusive, or threatening messages to others.
- Use appropriate language. Do not swear, use vulgarities, or any other inappropriate language.
- Do not search out, print, or distribute pornography, obscene, or sexually explicit materials.
- Do not reveal personal addresses or phone numbers or that of other students or colleagues.

- Do not use the network in such a way that you would disrupt the use of the network by other users. (e.g. downloading huge files during prime time).
- Students will not respond to unsolicited online contact.
- Students are not allowed to access their email, Instagram, Snapchat, or any account at school.

4. Security

Security on any computer system is high priority, especially when the system involves many users. If you feel you can identify a security problem on any Internet access, you must notify a system administrator. Do not demonstrate the problem to other users. Do not use another individual's account. Do not give your password to any other individual. Attempts to log in to the system as any other user will result in cancellation of user privileges. Any user identified as a security risk or having a history of problems with other computer systems may be denied access.

5. Vandalism

Vandalism will result in cancellation of user privileges. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempts to harm or destroy data of another user, or any of the above listed agencies or other networks. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses.

Students are prohibited from purchasing goods and services via the Internet. Students will not be allowed to subscribe to list servers or new groups.

6. Updating Your User Information

You must notify St. Joseph Catholic School of any changes in your account information (address, etc.) The school will not be held liable for:

- Information stored on school thumb drives, hard drives, or servers.
- Information retrieved through the school computer, networks, or online resources.
- Personal property used to access school computers, networks, or online resources.
- Unauthorized financial obligations resulting from use of school corporation resources and account to access the Internet.

St. Joseph Catholic School students may not use the Internet without having a signed contract on file.

7. Inappropriate Use of Technology Outside of School

As stated in the Behavior Expectations section of the Handbook, St. Joseph Catholic School reserves the right to impose consequences for inappropriate behavior that takes place off campus and outside school hours when that behavior detrimentally impacts the school, its program's reputation, or its students. Thus, inappropriate use of technology (for example, on a home computer or cell phone) may subject the student to consequences.

Inappropriate use includes harassment, use of school name, remarks directed to or about teachers, staff, or students, offensive communications, and safety threats.