

St. Joseph School Computer Network Acceptable Use Policy

St. Joseph School is pleased to offer its students access to our computer network which includes the ability to use the Internet and electronic mail. Our goal in providing this service to teachers and students is to promote educational excellence in our school by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication.

While the purposes of the school are to use Internet resources for constructive educational goals, students may find ways to access other materials. St. Joseph School has taken precautions to restrict access to controversial web sites. However, on a global network, complete control is impossible. We believe that the benefits to students from access to the Internet in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration far exceed the disadvantages. Therefore, it is expected that students will comply with school standards and the specific rules listed below.

Rules:

1. Students shall exercise good judgment in visiting Internet web sites. Visit only those sites which are relevant to the topic you are researching. Some sites contain objectionable material. DO NOT VISIT THEM. If you have any questions about the appropriate nature of a site, ask a teacher for permission to visit the site.
2. Students shall be polite and use appropriate language in on-line communications. Profanity or abusive language will not be tolerated.
3. Students shall not reveal their last name, home address or phone number, nor those of others, over the Internet.
4. Students shall respect the property of others. Never change or access a file belonging to another person.
5. Students shall report any misuse of the Internet or computer equipment to a teacher immediately.
6. Students shall handle all computer hardware and software in a responsible manner.
7. Students shall not bring disks from home or download a file of any type without the express permission of a teacher. This will minimize the chances of a virus infecting the network.
8. Students shall not plagiarize works that are found on the Internet. Plagiarism is taking the ideas, writings, or works of others and presenting them as if they were your own.
9. Students shall never access, keep or send anything that they would not want their parents or teachers to see.

St. Joseph School Computer Network Contract

Section 1: To be signed by the student

I have read the St. Joseph School Computer Network Acceptable Use Policy and agree to abide by its terms. I further understand that violations of the regulations may lead to the loss of computer privileges and/or other disciplinary action.

I understand that St. Joseph School will log my Internet usage in order to monitor my adherence to this policy.

Student's name (please print) _____ Grade _____

Student's signature _____ Date _____

Section 2: To be signed by the parent

As the parent or guardian of the above named student, I have read and discussed with him/her the St. Joseph School Computer Network Acceptable Use Policy. I recognize that it is impossible for the school to restrict access to all controversial materials, and I will not hold the school, its employees, or the Internet provider responsible for materials acquired on the network.

I hereby give permission for my child to have user access to the Internet and the network at St. Joseph School. I understand that this agreement shall remain in force during the full duration of my child's enrollment at the school.

Parent's name (please print) _____

Parent's signature _____ Date _____