

St. Agnes School Acceptable Use of Technology and Internet Policy

It is the policy of St. Agnes School to require ethical use of the Internet and related technologies by all employees, volunteers, and students as set forth below in the “St. Agnes School Acceptable Use of Technology and Internet Policy.” Access privileges may be revoked, administrative disciplinary action may be taken, and/or appropriate legal action taken for any violations that are unethical and may constitute criminal offense.

Internet Terms, Conditions, and Regulations

Acceptable Use

Use of the Internet and related technologies must be in support of education and research and consistent with the educational objectives of St. Agnes School. Use of other organizational networks or computing resources must comply with the rules appropriate for these networks.

Unacceptable Use

Transmission of any material in violation of any national, state or Diocesan policy or law is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, copyright materials, threatening, violent or obscene material or material protected by trade secret. Use for commercial activities is not acceptable. Use for product advertisement, unauthorized chat or chain letter communication or political lobbying is also prohibited. Other examples of unacceptable information are pornography, information on bombs or weapons, inappropriate language and communications, flame letters, or like material.

Acts of vandalism are prohibited. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy data of another user, or to damage hardware or software. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses. Unauthorized use of another’s computer, access sign-on and/or password and/or accounts, and/or files is prohibited.

Privileges

The use of the Internet and related technologies is a privilege, not a right. Inappropriate use may result in cancellation of those privileges. Each user, who is provided access to Internet and related technologies, will participate in a discussion with assigned staff person(s) concerning the proper use of the network. The faculty, staff, or parent/guardian may request the administrator or designee to deny, revoke or suspend a specific user access to the Internet and related technologies to unacceptable use.

Rules and Responsibilities:

Access to the Internet will enable students to explore thousands of school-related libraries, databases, and research media. While St. Agnes School’s intent is to make Internet access available to further educational goals and objectives, students may find ways to access objectionable material as well. St. Agnes School believes that educational benefits to students from accessing the Internet, in the form of information, resources and opportunities for collaboration, exceed any disadvantages.

To that end, St. Agnes School has set forth the following standards for acceptable student use of on-line information sources via the Internet.

1. Students are responsible for good behavior on school computer networks, just as they are in the classroom. Communications on the network are often public in nature. The Internet network is provided

for students to conduct research and communicate with others as a regular part of the curriculum. Access to Internet network services is given to students who agree to act in a responsible manner. Parental permission is required, and access is a privilege – not a right.

2. Network administrators and teachers may review files and communications to maintain system integrity and ensure that users are employing the system responsibly. Network storage areas will be monitored regularly. Users should not expect that files used or stored in school computers or servers would always be private.

3. Access to information will be honored within reason. During school hours, teachers will guide students toward appropriate materials. Outside of school, families bear the same responsibility as they would when guiding their children with information sources such as books, periodicals, television, telephones, movies, radio, and other potentially offensive media.

4. The following list describes behaviors and/or actions that are not permitted. The principal, as school administrator, has final authority to determine what behaviors and/or actions are unacceptable:

- Sending, displaying, or downloading offensive messages or pictures;
- Using obscene language;
- Harassing, insulting, or threatening others;
- Damaging of computer systems or computer networks;
- Violating copyright laws;
- Submitting documents from the Internet as a student’s personal work;
- Using another person’s sign-on and/or password;
- Trespassing in or altering someone else’s folder, work or files;
- Intentionally wasting limited resources;
- Using the network for commercial purposes;
- Revealing a personal phone number, name or address of one’s self or another;
- Any other form of cyber bullying;
- To play games other than approved educational games or to watch videos.

5. Violations will result in loss of access as well as other disciplinary action as determined by the school principal.

Cell Phone/Personal Electronic Device Usage by Students

Cell phones, ipads, games systems and other personal electronic devices may not be turned on or used on school property. Parents/Guardians must contact the school office to pass information on to their child. Violations will result in disciplinary action as determined by the school principal.

Parent/Guardian Commitment

I have read and understand the St. Agnes School Acceptable Use of Technology and Internet Policy. I have gone over the rules with my student(s)

_____ (print student names)

Parent Printed Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date _____