

St. Joseph Catholic School Internet Use Policy (AUP)

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INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

An Acceptable Use Policy is a contract that exists between the school, the student user and the students' parents. It clearly defines the rules for Internet access and consequences for irresponsible use.

STUDNET INTERNET USE CONTRACT

All users who access the Internet through St. Joseph's School are required to adhere to strict ethical, legal and safety guidelines discussed throughout this Policy. If St. Joseph's students violate any of these provisions, their access to the Internet via school connections may be terminated and future access may be denied.

I realize that the use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and I understand that inappropriate behavior may lead to penalties including termination or complete denial of access. I understand that the primary purpose of the Internet connection at St. Joseph's School is education, and I agree to the following:

1. I will not attempt to gain unauthorized access to any other system.
2. I will not use inappropriate language or be disrespectful online.
3. I will not use written material as my own without giving proper credit.
4. I will use the school Internet access only for education purposes.
5. I will respect the rights of copyright owners and will not reproduce any work protected by copyright.
6. I will obey the safety rules and will not post any personal contact information.
7. I will promptly report any messages/communications that are inappropriate.

PARENT INTERNET CONSENT

St. Joseph's School believes that the benefits to students from access to the Internet, in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration far exceed the disadvantages of access. Ultimately, you as a parent are responsible for setting and conveying the standards your child should follow. The school, therefore, respects each family's rights to decide whether to approve students' access or not.

It is important that parents understand that while the school will make every effort to guide and monitor

students' access to the Internet, it does not have control of the information or content.

- I have read the St. Joseph's School Acceptable Use guidelines and the Students Contract, and I will review these carefully with my child(ren).
- I understand that the school does not have control of the Internet content, and I realize that they may read material that is controversial or offensive.
- I release St. Joseph School from any liability or damages that may result from my child's inappropriate or unauthorized use of the Internet.
- I release St. Joseph School from any liability related to consequences resulting from my unauthorized use of the Internet.
- Having carefully read the school's guidelines and student contract; I give permission for my child(ren) to have Internet access at the school. I will support the school's Acceptable Use Policy and reinforce it with my child(ren).

USER (STUDENT AND ADULT) AGREEMENT FORM

_____ **I have read the terms and conditions of AUP.**

_____ **I understand that Internet access is provided for educational purpose(s) only.**

_____ **I agree to abide by the terms and conditions stated in the Internet AUP. I will be responsible for the consequences of inappropriate use of the Internet, which may result in the suspension or revocation of my Internet privilege.**

USERNAME: (PRINT) _____

USER SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

PARENTAL PERMISSION FORM

I have read the terms and conditions of the Internet AUP and give permission for my child to access the Internet in accordance with the provisions of the Policy.

USERNAME: (PRINT) _____

USER SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____