



## Network/Internet Acceptable Use Policy

At Saint Joseph School, we are committed to using technology as a tool to help our administration, teachers, and students. We encourage the integration of classroom curriculum with technology and use of the internet. The internet provides a wealth of resources for teachers and students for planning purposes, daily instruction, research, and homework help.

The internet is a valuable tool which we wish to utilize in a safe and productive way. Students and teachers will receive instruction on the use of internet for research. Our network utilizes filtering/blocking software. Students will be supervised by teachers/staff to ensure that they will not gain access to inappropriate material. We will make every effort to guide and monitor students while they are on the internet.

An “Acceptable Use Policy” is a contract that exists between the school, the student user, and the student’s parents. The contract defines the rules for network/internet access and the consequences for irresponsible use.

### Student Network/Internet Use Contract

All users who access the network/internet through Saint Joseph School are required to adhere to strict ethical, legal, and safety guidelines. If a student violates any of the rules or provisions, their access to the internet via school connections will be terminated and future access will be denied. The administration will determine the length of denial based on the severity of the situation.

#### *To the student:*

Please understand that the primary use of the network/internet connection at Saint Joseph School is educational and is a privilege, not a right. The rules are in place to facilitate your learning and to ensure your safety. Any violations or inappropriate behavior in regard to use of the internet will lead to penalties of immediate termination and possible denial of future use of the internet.

As a student you agree to the following:

- I will have access to the internet for academic purposes only.
- I will respect and properly take care of technology equipment in their room and the Lab.
- I will ask permission before using any equipment.
- I will respect copyright and ownership of materials available on the internet. I will not use written materials as my own without giving proper credit or reproduce any work that is protected by copyright.
- I will only access my own personal files.
- I will not attempt communication on any chat location, bulletin board, or by email, except as directed and approved by a teacher/staff member.
- I will use appropriate language and be respectful online, just as in the classroom.
- I will never post any personal contact information such as names, addresses, school name, or phone numbers.
- I will stop searches immediately and notify the teacher/staff member in attendance if I encounter any questionable information.

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### Student Agreement:

I have carefully read the network/internet Acceptable Use Policy for Saint Joseph School. I understand and agree to follow the guidelines and rules relating to the usage of the internet. I understand that any violation will result in immediate termination of internet and possible loss of internet privileges.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Parent Consent

The Saint Joseph School administration and faculty believe that there will be many benefits to the students when allowed access to the network/internet. While we make every effort to guide and monitor students while on the internet, we do not have total control of the information or content on the network/internet itself.

Having read this Acceptable Use Policy contract, please make the final decision as to whether or not your child will be allowed the privilege of internet access while at school.

- I have read and discussed the Acceptable Use Policy with my child.
- I have discussed proper use of school technology equipment with my child.
- I understand that the school does not have complete control of the internet content and I realize that students may read material that is controversial or offensive.
- I release Saint Joseph School from any liability or damages that may result from my child's inappropriate or unauthorized use of the internet.
- Having carefully read all the guidelines, the Acceptable Use Policy, and the Student Agreement, I give permission for my child to have network/internet access at school. I will support this policy and reinforce it with my child.

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_