

# ***POLICY ON STUDENT ACCEPTABLE USE OF ST. PATRICK SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES***

*This agreement will be kept at the school for the duration of the student's attendance.*

## **PURPOSE:**

**St. Patrick** School provides technology resources to its students and staff for educational and administrative purposes. The goal in providing these resources is to promote educational excellence at St. Patrick School by facilitating resource sharing, innovation and communication with the support and supervision of parents, teachers, and support staff. The use of these technology resources is a privilege, not a right.

With access to computers and people all over the world comes the potential availability of material that may not be considered to be of educational value in context of our Catholic school community. St. Patrick School firmly believes that the value of information, interaction, and research capabilities available outweighs the possibility that users may obtain material that is not consistent with the educational goals of the school. Content filtering software is being utilized to minimize this risk.

Proper behavior, as it relates to the use of computers, is no different than proper behavior in all other aspects of St. Patrick School activities. All users are expected to use the computers and computer networks in a responsible, ethical, and polite manner. This document is intended to clarify those expectations as they apply to computer and network usage.

## **POLICY TEXT:**

### **I. USE OF ST. PATRICK SCHOOL'S TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES**

Improper use of St. Patrick School Technology Resources is prohibited. Users of St. Patrick School Technology Resources that are prohibited include, but are not limited to:

1. Violating students' and faculty members' rights to privacy/confidentiality.
2. Attempting any unauthorized access to any computer system.
3. Downloading unacceptable materials.
4. Re-posting personal communication without the author's prior consent.
5. Violating copyright law.
6. Using the school's technology resources for financial gain, credit card fraud, electronic forgery, other illegal activity and political purposes.
7. Downloading, installing or storing software on a school computer without the approval of appropriate school personnel.

\***Technology Resources** include but are not limited to the Intranet, Internet, fax, E-mail, stand- alone computer, and telephone.

8. Changing or attempting to alter any configuration, program, or password on any computer or system.
9. Using a school computer without knowledge/approval of school personnel responsible for the computer.
10. Using inappropriate language, pictures, or gestures in any form on the internet.
11. Using the Internet for entertainment or limited self-discovery function.
12. Using the Internet for unauthorized purchases.

## **II. GENERAL INFORMATION**

The Internet, a worldwide telecommunications network that allows millions of computers to exchange information, is accessible to students. The school has the right to place reasonable restrictions on the material accessed or posted throughout its system.

The school provides internet access to students as a means to facilitate resource sharing, innovation, and communication. Information gathered from the internet is viewed in the same manner as other reference material in the school; such resources enhance the learning environment.

School personnel provide guidance to the student in internet use and monitor the program to the best of their ability as a regular instructional activity. Controlling all materials on a global network is impossible, and an industrious user may discover inappropriate information or perform inappropriate actions in spite of adult supervision. Therefore, we encourage parents to have a frank discussion with their children about Catholic Christian values and how those beliefs should guide student activities while using the Internet.

School personnel will:

- Teach proper techniques and standards for internet participation.
- Guide student access to appropriate areas of internet.
- Assure that students understand that misuses of the internet could result in loss of access privileges.
- Monitor related concerns...privacy, software policy, copyright laws, e-mail etiquette, approved/intended use of the school's internet resource sources.

The student and parent/guardian must sign this agreement before the student is given access to the school's internet resources. This agreement will be signed and kept at the school for the duration of the student's attendance. School personnel or the parent/guardian may withdraw student internet access at any time.

The school is not responsible for any damages the student may suffer, including the loss of data. The school is not responsible for the accuracy or quality of any information obtained through any school Internet connection.

The school will not be responsible for unauthorized costs incurred by students, nor will the school vouch for the accuracy of information obtained through the Internet, nor will the school be responsible for students' negligence or mistakes. The parent/guardian is responsible for any damage caused by the student's inappropriate use of the internet system.

## Acceptable Use Policy Agreement

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As a student of St. Patrick School I have read and agree to follow the rules as found in this policy. I understand that if I break the rules my computer privileges, will be canceled, and I may face other disciplinary and/or legal action.

(If a student is too young to read the *Policy on Student Acceptable Use* of the school technology resources, please provide assistance.) A copy of this policy can be found on the school website.

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Student Name (please print)

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Student Signature

Grade

Date

As the parent or legal guardian of the minor student mentioned above, I have read and agree to the Acceptable Use Policy. I grant permission for my son or daughter to access the local area network and the Internet. I recognize that it is impossible for St. Patrick School to restrict access to all controversial material, and I will not hold them responsible for materials acquired on the network. I hereby give permission for my child and certify that the information contained on this form is correct.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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**Electronic Media Release Form**  
**St. Patrick School**

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\_\_\_\_\_ YES, I hereby give my permission to St. Patrick School to use sound, video and photographic images of my son/daughter for news releases, brochures, and other school related productions. Additionally, I give permission for my son's/daughter's image, work, and first name to be used on the school web page. No last names will be used on the website.

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent Signature Date

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