

SUBJECT: **Student Acceptable Use of Computers and Internet**
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I. POLICY

St. John School uses technology to support learning while honoring the dignity of every person and our responsibility to act with honesty and integrity. It is the policy of St. John School to ensure technology use by students is consistent with the values of our faith community.

II. PURPOSE

It is the purpose of this policy to ensure acceptable practices by students in regards to computer facilities, hardware and software, networks, servers, and the Internet. Computer access is a privilege, not a right.

III. RESPONSIBILITY

It is the responsibility of the principal to provide training so that staff is knowledgeable about this policy and its accompanying guidelines. It is also the responsibility of the principal to initiate, implement, and enforce this policy and its accompanying guidelines as they apply to students' computer and Internet use. Administration expects that staff members will provide guidance and instruction to students in the appropriate use of the Internet. All Internet users and their parents/guardians are required to sign a written agreement to abide by the terms and conditions of this policy and its guidelines.

IV. PROCEDURE

- A. Inappropriate or unacceptable use of resources include, but are not limited to, violations of the law; failing to follow the rules of network etiquette; or hampering the integrity or security of any network connected to the Internet.
- B. Parents are advised that a determined user may be able to gain access to services on the Internet that St. John School has not authorized for educational purposes. It is impossible to guarantee students will not gain access through the Internet to information and communications that they and/or their parents/guardians may find inappropriate or offensive. Parents assume risks by consenting to allow their child to participate in the use of the Internet. Parents are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using the Internet.
- C. Network and Internet access is provided as a tool in education. St. John School reserves the right to review electronic transactions to ensure that the system is being used properly.
- D. Students may not access another student's account or files.
- E. Users who maliciously access, alter, delete, damage, or destroy any computer system, computer network, computer program, or data will be subject to disciplinary action by St. John School. Inappropriate behavior includes, but is not limited to, changing or deleting another user's account; damaging or deleting school files; altering the system; destroying, modifying, vandalizing, defacing or abusing hardware or software.
- F. St. John School prohibits students from bringing personal computing technology or other technology equipment to school with the purpose of connecting to St. John School infrastructure, unless approved by St. John School administration.
- G. St. John School assumes no liability for any personally-owned technology that is brought into the school particularly if it is connected to school-owned technology.
- H. Any damage done to St. John School technology or property due to unauthorized use of personal equipment will become the liability of the parents/guardians of the student who had unauthorized use of the personal equipment.
- I. Users who disregard this policy and its guidelines may have their use privileges suspended or revoked, and disciplinary action taken against them.

- J. Artificial Intelligence is technology that can generate text, images, or ideas or help answer questions using computers. Students may use AI tools for brainstorming or idea generation only when expressly permitted and directed by St. John Nepomucene School administration or faculty. However, students and parents should note that the material generated by these programs may be inaccurate, incomplete, or otherwise problematic.
- K. Students are prohibited from submitting any work generated by an AI program as their own.