

TECHNOLOGY USE BY STUDENT

REGULATIONS FOR STUDENT ACCEPTABLE USE OF SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES

PURPOSE:

The St. James 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 in St. James 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 the school setting. St. James School firmly believes that the value of information, interaction, and research capabilities available outweighs the possibility that user may obtain material that is not consistent with the educational goals of the school.

Proper behavior, as it relates to the use of computers, is no different than proper behavior in all other aspects of St. James School activities. All users are expected to use the computers and computer networks in a responsible, ethical, and polite manner. The misuse of any technology becomes the financial responsibility of the student and his/her parents. This document is intended to clarify those expectations as they apply to computer and network usage and is consistent with school policy.

REGULATION TEXT:

I. USE OF ST. JAMES SCHOOL'S TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES

Improper use of the St. James School Technology Resources is prohibited. Uses of the St. James School Technology Resources that are prohibited include, but are not limited to:

1. Violating students' rights to privacy/confidentiality.
2. Attempting any unauthorized access to any computer system.
3. Downloading unacceptable materials and images.
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 for political purposes.
7. Downloading, installing or storing software on a school computer without the approval of appropriate school personnel.
8. Changing or attempting to alter any configuration, program, 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, 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.
13. Bringing inappropriate material and/or images to school on a personal data stick.
14. Sharing inappropriate material and/or images with other students via data sticks.
15. Cyber-bullying

II. GENERAL INFORMATION

The Internet, a world wide telecommunications network 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.

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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, the school encourages parents to have a frank discussion with the 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 school's Internet resource sources.

The student and parent/guardian must sign an Internet use agreement before the student is given access to the school's Internet resource. 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 or school computers.

III. PARENT OR GUARDIAN CONSENT FOR STUDENT USE OF THE ST. JAMES SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES

Prior to the use of a student's account of the St. James School technology resources, the parent or guardian of the student must provide written authorization.

IV. STUDENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

All students who use the St. James School technology resources shall sign a form acknowledging the requirements of the guidelines on student acceptable use.

V. TECHNOLOGY USE OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

The school has the right and responsibility to review and act upon student postings on the internet in limited situations.

Parents/Guardians are primarily responsible for the student's appropriate and ethical use of technology outside of school. However, the inappropriate use of technology outside of school may subject the student to disciplinary action. Inappropriate use of technology may include, but is not limited to harassment of others, use of the school name, remarks directed to or about teachers and staff, offensive communications including videos/photographs and threats.

Unauthorized costs incurred for online purchases charged to the school are the responsibility of the student and her/his family.

