

St. John's Lutheran Acceptable Use Policy

Acceptable Use of the Internet

The Internet is an electronic highway connecting thousands of computers all over the world and millions of individual subscribers. Students and teachers have access to:

1. Electronic mail communications with people all over the world.
2. Information from government sources, research institutions, and other sources.
3. Discussion groups.
4. Access to many University Library catalogs, the Library of Congress, and ERIC.

All use of the Internet shall be consistent with St. John's Lutheran School's goal of promoting educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation and communication. These procedures do not attempt to state all required or prescribed behavior by users. However, some specific examples are provided. The failure of any user to follow these procedures will result in the loss of privileges, disciplinary action, and/or appropriate legal action.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Acceptable Use – Access to St. John's Internet must be for the purpose of education or research, and be consistent with the educational objectives of the school.

Privileges – The use of the St. John's Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges. The system administrator will make all decisions regarding whether or not a user has violated these procedures and may deny, revoke, or suspend access at any time; that decision is final.

Unacceptable Use – The user is responsible for his or her actions and activities involving the network. Some examples of unacceptable are:

- ❖ Using the network for any illegal activity, including violation of copyright or other contracts, or transmitting any material in violation of any U.S. or state regulation.
- ❖ Cyber bullying.
- ❖ Unauthorized downloading of software; regardless of whether it is copyrighted or virus free.
- ❖ Downloading copyrighted material for other than personal use.
- ❖ Using the network for private financial or commercial gain.
- ❖ Wastefully using resources such as file space.
- ❖ Gaining unauthorized access to resources or entities.
- ❖ Invading the privacy of individuals.
- ❖ Using another user's account or password.
- ❖ Posting material authorized or created by another without his/her consent.
- ❖ Posting anonymous messages.
- ❖ Using the network for commercial or private advertising.
- ❖ Accessing, submitting, posting, publishing, or displaying any defamatory, inaccurate, abusive, obscene, profane, sexually oriented, threatening, racially offensive, harassing, or illegal material.
- ❖ Using the network while access privileges are suspended or revoked.

Network Etiquette – You are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These include, but are not limited to the following:

- ❖ Be polite. Do not become abusive in your messages to others. Use appropriate God-pleasing language.
- ❖ Do not reveal the personal addresses or telephone numbers of students or colleagues.
- ❖ Recognize that electronic mail (e-mail) is not private. People who operate the system have access to all mail. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities will be reported to the authorities.
- ❖ Do not use the network in any way that would disrupt its use by other users.
- ❖ Consider all communications and information accessible via the network to be private property.

No Warranties – St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church and School makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. St. John's will not be responsible for any damages you suffer. This includes loss of data resulting in delays, non-deliveries, or service interruptions caused by errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via the internet is at your own risk. St. John's denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its Internet services.

Indemnification – The user agrees to indemnify St. John's Lutheran School for any losses, costs, or damages, including reasonable attorney fees, incurred by St. John's Lutheran School relating to, or arising out of any breach of this authorization.

Security – Network security is a high priority. If you identify a security problem on the Internet, you must notify the technology teacher, principal or technology administrator. Do not demonstrate the problem to other users. Keep your account and password confidential. Do not use another individual's account. Attempts to log-on to the Internet as a system administrator will result in cancellation of user privileges. Any user identified as a security risk may be denied access to the network.

Vandalism – Vandalism will result in cancellation of privileges and other disciplinary action. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy equipment, data or another user, the Internet, or any other network. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses.

Charges or Fees – St. John's assumes no responsibility for any unauthorized charges or fees incurred by the user's actions. They will be charged to the user.

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THIS FORM

St. John's Lutheran School
Acceptable Use Policy Agreement

STUDENT SECTION

I have read (or have been read) the St. John's Lutheran School's Acceptable Use Policy. I agree to follow the rules contained in this policy. I understand that if I violate the rules my accessibility to the Internet can be terminated, and I may face other disciplinary measures.

User Name (please print) : _____ Grade: _____

User' Signature: _____ Date: _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN SECTION

As the parent or legal guardian of the student signing above, I have read this Acceptable Use Policy and grant permission for my son or daughter to access the Internet. I understand that St. John's Lutheran School's computing resources are designed for educational purposes. I also understand that it is impossible for St. John's Lutheran School to restrict access to all controversial materials, and I will not hold them responsible for materials acquired on the network. I understand that individuals and families may be held liable for violations. Furthermore, I accept full responsibility for supervision if and when my child's use is not in a school setting.

Parent/Guardian Name (please print) _____

Parent/ Guardian Signature _____

Date: _____