

SAINT PAUL SCHOOL INTERNET POLICY

ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

Saint Paul School fully endorses the use of the Internet as an educational tool. Access to information, research sources, people and computers throughout the world is available to students. The school is committed to restricting access to questionable material and to limiting inappropriate use via direct supervision, educational instruction, and filtering software. Control of all on-line activities is impossible. Therefore, all users who access the Internet through Saint Paul School are required to adhere to strict ethical and legal guidelines. If Saint Paul School users violate any of these provisions, their access via the school may be terminated, and future computer access may be denied. In addition, a student guilty of such violations will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including suspension/expulsion from school.

STUDENT SIGNATURE AND PARENTAL CONSENT FORM

STUDENT COMPLIANCE

I understand that access to the Internet from Saint Paul School must be in support of education and research, and I agree to the following:

I will refrain from accessing any news groups, links, list servers, or other areas of cyberspace that would be offensive to any students, teachers, or parents because of pornographic content, racial, ethnic, or minority disparagement: advocating violence, or illicit/illegal content.

Accordingly, I am responsible for monitoring and appropriately rejecting materials, links, dialogue, and information access/received by me. If any material appears on screen that is unacceptable or makes me uncomfortable I will immediately shut off the monitor and call the supervising teacher.

I accept responsibility for keeping copyrighted software from entering the school via Internet. Therefore, I must not download games, music, graphics, videos, or text materials that are copyrighted.

Plagiarism is unacceptable. Therefore, I accept responsibility for using downloaded text in an appropriate manner. Violation of copyright laws will not be tolerated. I will not post, distribute or use without permission, material that was created by someone else.

I will be courteous and use appropriate language, refraining from swearing or using any form of obscene, harassing, or abusive language. If I am a victim of harassment, I will report the abuse immediately to the supervising teacher or the principal. If another user asks that I no longer send him/her e-mail, I will stop all contact immediately.

I will not reveal personal information including addresses and telephone numbers of others or myself.

I will not lend any assigned accounts or passwords to others.

I will report all electronic mail messages relating to or in support of illegal activities to the appropriate authorities.

I will never agree to meet face-to-face with someone that I have met through on-line activity.

SECURITY

I understand that system operators and the Administration will have access to all user accounts, including e-mail.

If I am not sure how to do something on the computer, I will ask the supervising teacher.

If I suspect a security problem related to my school's accounts or on the Internet, I will notify the supervising teacher or principal. I will not demonstrate the problem to others.

I understand that any user legitimately identified as a security risk or with a history of problems with other computer systems may be denied access to the Internet through Saint Paul School.

I understand that any user attempting to maliciously harm or damage data of another user or an area of the Internet, including the introduction of computer viruses and the unauthorized use of debit or credit cards, will be denied access to the Internet through the school and will be subject to disciplinary procedures.

CONCLUSION

I understand that the use of the Internet is a privilege and that inappropriate use will result in cancellation of those privileges and I may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including suspension/expulsion from school. I further understand the supervising teacher and/or administration will deem what is inappropriate use and that decision is final. The supervising teacher may close the access of any user at any time as required. The expectation of faculty and administration is that students at St. Paul School will adhere to the above policies.

Saint Paul school can impose consequences for conduct occurring both inside and outside school for any off-campus activities that detrimentally impact any Saint Paul School student, faculty/staff member or the School's reputation.

PARENT NAME/SIGNATURE: _____

STUDENT NAME/SIGNATURE: _____