

St. Paul the Apostle Catholic School

2011-2012 Internet Safety Policy

St. Paul the Apostle Catholic School recognizes and promotes the increasing availability of Internet access in schools. The Internet is an electronic highway connecting thousands of computers all over the world with access to electronic mail, public domain software, discussion groups, libraries of information and other forms of direct electronic communication.

Along with the inherent freedom of the Internet comes the possibility of accessing material that is not consistent with the Catholic faith. Although precautions should be taken to restrict access to controversial materials, such access may still be possible.

Transmission or intended reception of any material in violation of any national, state or local regulation is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material and material protected by trade secret. Use for commercial activities, product advertisement, or political lobbying is prohibited. Intended transmission or reception of material that would tend to violate the moral teaching of the Catholic Church or be scandalous to the Church is also prohibited.

The Diocese requires the use of filtering software or services on all school computers with access to the Internet. When minors are using the Internet, access to visual depictions must be blocked or filtered if they are: (a) obscene, as that term is defined in Section 1460 of Title 18, United States Code; (b) child pornography, as that term is defined in Section 2256 of Title 18, United States Code; or (c) harmful to minors. Schools cannot disable the filters when minors are using them, even with parental or teacher permission and supervision. Appropriate school staff may disable filters only for adults who are using school computers for bona fide research purposes. Schools must monitor minors' use of the Internet in school.

Appropriate language shall be used while respecting the rights of others.

In general, personal addresses and personal phone numbers should not be made public over the Internet. Personal addresses and phone numbers of minors should never be given out over the Internet. Illegal activities may be reported to law enforcement.

Internet information is assumed to be private property but is not guaranteed to be confidential. The dissemination of credit card information is prohibited unless a secure system of encryption is available.

Attempts to disrupt the use of the network by destroying data of another user or of the network is prohibited. Attempts to use system administrator access rights or another user's account without written permission are prohibited. Any user identified as a security risk may be denied access to the Internet.

St. Paul the Apostle Catholic School makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for Internet service - including loss of data, delays, non deliveries, mis-deliveries or service interruptions. Use of any information obtained is at the risk of the operator.

Students should be aware they can and will be periodically remotely monitored from the system administrator's computer.

A copy of this signed agreement should be kept by the local computer system administrator.

Please have your student(s) sign below:

I understand and will abide by St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church's acceptable use policy. I further understand that any violation of the policy is unethical and may constitute a criminal offense that may result in the revocation of privileges, disciplinary action and/or legal action.

User's Full
Name: _____ Signature _____ Homeroom _____

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Name: _____ Signature _____ Homeroom _____

Parent or Guardian: I understand the acceptable use policy and hereby give permission to issue an account for my child and certify that the information given on this form is correct.

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date _____

If a user is under age 18, a parent or guardian must also sign.