

## Using Technology and the Internet at St. Augustine Cathedral School

Grades 3-5

If I read these pages carefully, and my mother or father signs the second sheet, I may be allowed to use a computers at St. Augustine School to look at the Internet and send messages to people around the world. But I also know that if I do not use the Internet in the right way, there may be consequences. In fact, I may not be allowed to use the Internet again at school.

I will read the rules for using the Internet that are given below and will ask an adult at my school if I do not understand what any of them mean.

- I will be polite to other people when writing to them (or talking with them) while I am on the Internet. I will not use curse words or any language that my teacher or parent would not want me to use in my classroom. I will not harass or bully others by insulting them while I am on the Internet.
- I will never give my name, my home address, any personal information about me or my family, or my telephone number to anyone I write to or talk with on the Internet. I know that almost anyone I contact is a stranger to me, and that I don't share personal information with strangers no matter how nice they seem to be.
- I know that my teacher and Principal want me to use the Internet to learn more about the subjects I am studying in my classroom. I will not use the Internet for any other reason. For example, I will not search for a comic book site when I am supposed to be looking for something in science.
- Because the people I write to or talk with on the Internet cannot see me, they will not know what I look like or even how old I am. When I am on the Internet, I promise never to tell people that I am someone else. And I will never send them personal information, such as a picture or my name, by using an envelope and stamp.
- I understand that sometimes I may see a site on the Internet that has pictures or words that my teachers or parents would not want me to see. I will not try to find those sites and, if I come across one of them by accident, I will leave it as soon as I can. For example, suppose I am searching for a type of animal and find a picture that only adults should see. I quickly use my forward or backward keys to take me to another site. I will not continue to look at the site with the bad picture and will not show it to others around me. I also will not print it out or save the picture.
- I agree that I cannot use the words or pictures I see on an Internet site without giving credit to the person who owns the site. For example, I will not copy information from the Internet and hand it in to my teacher as my own work.

- I may be given a password—a special word that only I know. I may have to use this password to sign onto a computer or to send mail over the Internet. I know that I must never tell a friend what that password is. My password should be known only by me. And I know that I should never use a password for myself if that password belongs to someone else. For example, John asks me to loan him my password so he can send someone an e-mail message. John cannot remember what password he was given. I would not loan my password to him and would never ask to use his.
- I agree that I will not play games, including Internet based games, except those that my teacher has given me permission to play during class time.
- I agree that I will not change or delete any files or work that my classmates have saved. Our classroom folders have work that is done by everyone, and I will respect my classmates by leaving their work alone.

**Student’s Agreement:**

I have read the information that is written above. If I did not understand the meaning of part of it, I asked an adult to explain it to me. I agree to follow these rules at all times when I use the technology or Internet at school.

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Signature

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Date

**Parent or Guardian**

My son or daughter, who has signed above, understands the rules that he or she is to follow in using the Internet at school. I have talked to him or her to make sure that those rules are understood. I realize that teachers and other school officials will try their best to provide only educationally-sound material for the Internet to my child and that, should objectionable picture or information appear by accident, they will take immediate action to correct that situation. I give my permission to St. Augustine Cathedral School for my son or daughter to use the Internet while on school property.

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Signature

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Date