

Student Computer/Technology Policy 2017 – 2018 St. John School

St. John School is pleased to offer students access to computers/technology for supervised assignment-related use. Students will also have limited access to the Internet. This access will enable students to explore online libraries, databases, museums, and other repositories of information. The purposes of using technology at school are two-fold: 1) to acquaint the students with the technology so they learn how to use it on their own, 2) to supplement core curriculum classes.

Students are responsible for good behavior on school computers just as they are in a classroom. All school rules regarding behavior and communications apply. Supervised access to the Internet is only given to students to conduct research pertinent to their assignments. Access to technology is a privilege, not a right. It may be revoked if misused or abused.

To avoid the loss of computer privileges at St. John School the following rules must be followed:

- 1 Network and computer storage disks and drives should be treated like school lockers. Teachers may review communications to maintain system integrity and to ensure that students are using the system responsibly. Students are not allowed to access files belonging to other students, faculty or staff.
- 2 Violation of copyright law and/or software licensing is prohibited.
- 3 No profane, inflammatory, or impolite language or pictures should be used to abuse, harass, or offend others. Should a student encounter such material unintentionally, he/she should report it to the teacher immediately.
- 4 Students are not allowed to alter software configurations or computer settings. This includes, but is not limited to, adding or deleting favorites or bookmarks, adding or deleting icons, and changing the appearance of the desktop, wallpaper, or screen-saver.
- 5 Students are not allowed to waste limited resources such as hard disk space.
- 6 Students are not allowed to print without assignment specific permission.
- 7 Students are not allowed to access certain types of websites at school. These include but may not be limited to: non-educational social websites (i.e. Facebook, Instagram, etc), chat rooms, media sharing sites (i.e. YouTube.com, iTunes.com), retail sites (i.e. amazon.com) and email sites (i.e. hotmail.com).
- 8 Students are not allowed to access the St. John School wireless network unless from a St. John School computer.
- 9 Students are not allowed to contact school faculty or staff via email or chat rooms as per Diocesan policy.
- 10 Students are not allowed to play any non-educational games on school computers.
- 11 Student need to be prepared to be held accountable for his/her actions and for the loss of privileges if the St. John Technology Policy is violated. Financial restitution must be made for damages incurred (hardware or software).

Your child will not be allowed to access the Internet at school, until this signed document is on file.

Please sign and return:

Parent: _____ Date: _____

Student: _____ Date: _____

Student: _____ Date: _____

Student: _____ Date: _____

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