

**DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH SECRETARIAT FOR EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

**SAINT KILIAN PARISH SCHOOL
LAB AND INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE AGREEMENT**

Internet access is available to students of Saint Kilian Parish School. Our goal in providing this service is to promote educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication. With access to computers and people all over the world also comes the availability of material that may not be consistent with the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. However, on a global network it is impossible to control all materials and an industrious user may discover inappropriate information. We believe that the valuable information and interaction available on this worldwide network outweigh the possibility that users may procure material inconsistent with our educational goals and religious principles.

The guidelines provided here are to make you aware of the responsibilities you are about to acquire. In general this requires efficient, ethical, and legal authorization of the network resources. If a user violates any of these provisions, access to the information service may be denied, he/she may be subject to disciplinary action and he/she may fail the computer course.

The signatures at the end of this document are binding and indicate the parties who signed have read the terms and conditions carefully and understand their significance.

Please read this document carefully before signing.

Terms of Conditions and Use

1) Personal Responsibility

You accept personal responsibility for reporting any misuse of the network/Internet access to school authorities. Misuse can come in many forms, but it is commonly viewed as any messages/information sent or received that indicate or suggest pornography or obscenity, unethical or illegal solicitation or activities, or racism, sexism, inappropriate language, promotion of violence, hate literature, harassment and defamation and other issues described below.

2) Acceptable Use

Your use of the network/Internet access must be in support of education and research and consistent with the educational and religious objectives of the school. You are personally responsible for this provision at all times when using the electronic information service.

- a. Materials obtained from sources not consistent with our educational objectives may not be used in the school setting.
- b. Use of other organization's network or computing resources must comply with the rules appropriate for that network.
- c. Transmission of any material in violation of any national or state regulation is prohibited and the school will not be held accountable for any civil or criminal action brought against the user as the result of the use of this network/Internet access. This includes, but is not limited to, copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material, or material protected by trade secret.
- d. Use of commercial activities is generally not acceptable.
- e. Use for product advertisement of political lobbying is also prohibited.
- f. Use of the network/Internet access is governed by the Saint Kilian Parish School disciplinary code.

- g. Use of materials for the purpose of plagiarism is prohibited.

3) Privileges

The use of the information system is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges. The school will deem what is inappropriate use and its decision is final. The school may close an account at any time as required. The administration, faculty, and staff of the school may deny, revoke, or suspend specific user.

4) Network Etiquette

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

- a. Be polite. Do not get abusive in your messages to others.
- b. Use appropriate language. Do not swear, use vulgarities or any other inappropriate language. Illegal activities are strictly forbidden.
- c. Privacy. Do not reveal your personal address or phone numbers, or those of other students or colleagues.
- d. Disruptions. Do not use the network or related equipment in a way that would disrupt the use of the network by other users.
- e. No hacking. Users shall not intentionally seek information on, obtain copies of, or modify files or passwords belonging to other users, or represent other users on the network.
- f. All communications and information accessible via the network should not be assumed to be private property.
- g. No use of the network shall serve to disrupt the use of the network by others; hardware or software shall not be destroyed, modified or abused in any way.

- h. Malicious use of the network to develop programs that harass other users or infiltrate a computer or computer system and/or alter the software components of a computer or computer system is prohibited.
- i. Hate mail, harassment, discriminatory remarks and other similar behaviors are prohibited.
- j. The illegal installation of copyrighted software for use on personal computers is prohibited.

identify a security problem on the network/Internet access, please notify school authorities at once. Never demonstrate the problem to other users. Never use another individual's account without written permission from that individual and appropriate school authority. Never log on to the Internet as a system administrator. Any user identified as a security risk or having a history of problems with other computer systems will be denied access to the information system until the computer teacher and principal feel the risk has been mitigated.

5) Warranties

The school makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. The school will not be responsible for any damages you suffer, or cause others to suffer while on this system. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, delivery errors, or service interruptions caused by its own negligence or your errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via the internet is at your own risk. The school specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its services.

7) Vandalism

Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy data of another user, Internet, or other networks that are connected to the system. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses. Any vandalism will result in the loss of computer services, disciplinary action, and possible legal referral.

6) Security

Security on any computer system is a high priority, especially when the system involves many users. If you feel you can

8) Updating

The information service may occasionally require new registration and account information for you to continue the service. You must notify school authorities of any changes in your account information.

Dear Parents,

Our Congress has passed a law requiring every school to have an Acceptable Use Policy and an Internet filter. Schools choosing non-compliance will lose their federal funding. Please read and explain (as appropriate) the Acceptable Use Policy with your child. Both you and your child need to sign it in order for your child to use the Computer Lab. Please return this to the school office.

REQUIRED SIGNATURES

Student, Staff or Faculty

I understand and agree that by allowing me use of the Internet, the school does not create a property right and the school may revoke my access or privilege for any reason. I understand and will abide by the provisions and conditions of this contract. I further understand that any violation of the above regulations may result in disciplinary action, the revoking of my user account, and appropriate legal action.

Full Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Homeroom: _____

Parent or Guardian

As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read this contract and understand that this access is designed for educational purposes. I understand that the school has taken precautions to eliminate controversial or inappropriate material. However, I also recognize it is impossible for the school to restrict access to all controversial materials and I will not hold them responsible for materials acquired via the network/Internet access. I also agree to report any misuse of the information system to the school. Misuse can come in many forms, but can be viewed as any messages sent or received that indicate or suggest pornography or obscenity, unethical or illegal solicitation or activities, racism, sexism, inappropriate language or other issues described above.

I hereby give permission to Saint Kilian Parish School to provide network/Internet access to my child and certify that the information contained on this form is correct.

Full Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____