Saint Peter School Student Acceptable Use Policy for Network and Internet Access

Saint Peter School provides computer resources and Internet access to facilitate legitimate educational and administrative purposes. To remain eligible as users, students must restrict their activities to those which are in support of and consistent with the school's philosophy and goals. Access to all forms of technology is a privilege which entails responsibility on the part of the user. The Saint Peter School Student Acceptable Use Policy for Network and Internet Access flows from and complements the *Acceptable Use Policy for Schools in the Diocese of Trenton.*

The Internet is a global network of computers providing a variety and multitude of information.   Saint Peter School acknowledges our responsibility to restrict access to any and all inappropriate information and has taken steps to block objectionable areas.

Saint Peter School will not be responsible for any damages incurred by the user while accessing the Internet. The school will not be responsible for the accuracy, nature or quality of information obtained via the Saint Peter School network or the Internet. Further, the school will not be responsible for unauthorized financial obligations resulting from access to the Internet.

Saint Peter School reserves the right to monitor all network activity, Internet activity and resources. The following are the general guidelines for use. In parenthesis is an explanation (suitable for children) of the guidelines.

General Guidelines for Use of the Network and Internet

- All users are required to take simple Internet training (sign off, log on, search, etc.) from the technology coordinator or appointed designee. **(You have to learn how to get on the Network and Internet before using it.)**
- All users must obtain permission to use the network and/or Internet. **(Your teacher must tell you it is okay first.)**
- Any attempt to circumvent the system security or gain access to secured resources is forbidden. **(You can't try to get to information you aren't allowed to see.)**
- Users will not access another person's materials, information or files without the implied or direct permission of that person. **(You can't go into other people's saved work without asking them first.)**
- Users will not move, repair, reconfigure, modify or attach external devices to the system without the knowledge of the teacher. **(You can't install or delete programs, hook up other hardware or try to fix the computer without asking your teacher.)**
- Users shall not intentionally produce, copy, propagate or attempt to introduce any computer code designed to self-replicate, damage or otherwise hinder the performance of any computer's memory, file system or software. **(You cannot put a virus on the system on purpose. If you think the system may have a virus, you must tell your teacher immediately.)**
- Users will not remove hardware/software from the school. **(You can't bring home hardware or software.)**
- Users will access only information that supports educational development within the context of a Christian environment. **(You can only search for/look at information that your teacher says is okay and goes with the lesson you are learning.)**
- Users must not plagiarize material. (**You can't copy from the Internet and say it's yours.)**
- Users must never post personal contact information about themselves or other people. **(You may NEVER give out personal information about yourself or anyone else on the Internet.)**
- Users may not access, produce or distribute material that is considered damaging to another's reputation, abusive, obscene, offensive, threatening, inflammatory, discriminatory, harassing or otherwise illegal or contrary to school policy. **(You must treat all people with respect. You may not be involved in any Internet activity that bullies, hurts, or offends another person.)**
- Users will not post anonymous messages. **(You must take responsibility for everything you do on the computer.)**
- The systems operator has the right to monitor all activities. **(Everything you do on the Saint Peter School Network and Internet can be monitored and printed.)**
- Additional rules and restrictions may be added at any time. **(New rules will be added when necessary.)**

AUP Violations

Students who violate the AUP will face disciplinary action. The consequences may include any of the following:
- Suspension of network privileges   **(You may not use the Internet for a while.)**
- Revocation of network privileges   **(You may not use the Internet for the school year.)**
- Suspension of computer privileges   **(You may not use the computer for a while.)**
- Revocation of computer privileges   **(You may not use the computer for the school year.)**
- Reduction of subject grades   **(You may get a lower grade on the assignment.)**
- School detention   **(You may get detention.)**
- School suspension   **(You may get suspended from school.)**
- School dismissal   **(You may be asked to leave Saint Peter School.)**
- Legal action and prosecution by the appropriate authority (**If you break the law, the police could .)**

You must check off the form in the Parent Portal acknowledging that you have read the Acceptable Use Policy. Access to grades in the portal will be denied until the electronic form is completed.