

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN SCHOOL
North Tonawanda, New York

STUDENT USE OF COMPUTERIZED INFORMATION RESOURCES

The Board of Education will provide access to various computerized information resources through the St. John Computer System consisting of software, hardware, computer networks and electronic communications systems. It may include the opportunity for some students to have independent access to the system from their home or other remote locations. All use of the system, including independent use off school premises, shall be subject to this policy and accompanying regulations. All such use must be in support of education and/or research and consistent with the goals and purposes of St. John Lutheran School.

One purpose of this policy is to provide notice to students and parent/guardians that, unlike most traditional instructional or library media materials, the St. John Computer System will allow student access to external computer networks not controlled by the School where it is impossible for the school to screen or review all of the available materials. Some of the available materials may be deemed unsuitable by parents/guardians for student use or access. This policy is intended to establish general guidelines for acceptable student use. However, despite the existence of such school policy and accompanying guidelines and regulations, it will not be possible to completely prevent access to computerized information that is inappropriate for students. The students own ethical principles are the primary safeguard against these sources. Furthermore, students may have the ability to access such information from their home or other locations off school premises. Parents/guardians of students must be willing to set and convey standards for appropriate and acceptable use to their children when using the system or any other electronic media or communications.

Students use of the St. John Computer System is conditioned upon written agreement by all students and their parents/guardians that student use of the system will conform to the requirements of this policy and any regulations adopted to insure acceptable use of the system. Parents and/or guardians will accept responsibility for any damages to software and/or computer equipment resulting from misuse by a student. All such agreements shall be kept on file in the School Office.

Generally, the same standards of acceptable student conduct, which apply to any school activity, shall apply to use of the St. John Computer System. This policy does not attempt to articulate all required and/or acceptable uses of the system; nor is it the intention of this policy to define all inappropriate usage. Administrative regulations will further define general guidelines of appropriate student conduct and use as well as prescribed behavior.

St. John students shall also adhere to the laws, policies and rules governing computers including, but not limited to, copyright laws, rights of software publishers, license agreements, and student rights of privacy created by federal and state law.

Students who engage in unacceptable use may lose access to the St. John Computer System in accordance with applicable due process procedures and may be subject to further discipline under the schools' conduct and discipline policy and the Student-Parent Handbook. In order for students to use the System a written agreement is attached to this policy. All students and their parents/guardians must sign this agreement for student use. This will indicate that those students using the system will conform and adhere to the policies and regulations adopted to insure acceptable use of the system. All such agreements will be kept on file in the School Office.

Student data files and electronic storage areas are considered to be school property subject to control and inspection. The administration and teachers may access all such files and communications to insure system integrity and that users are complying with the requirements of this policy and accompanying regulations. Students should not expect that information stored in the system would be private.

Regulations will be established as necessary to complement the terms of this policy.

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TECHNOLOGY ACCESS
Student and Parent Consent Form

I PURPOSE FOR USING TECHNOLOGY INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Any student who possesses a student account and password will be provided access to Internet systems for two educational reasons. First, these systems will be used to reinforce classroom lessons. Secondly, to develop the fundamental aspects of these tools so that students will be able to apply these skills towards a continued education in technology.

II STUDENT AND PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES REGARDING TECHNOLOGY USE

1. Students will conduct themselves as described in the Board of Education's "Student Use of Computerized Information Resources" (see attached)
2. Students will use the Internet to access only school related information.
3. Students will respect the role of the teacher as the person who will direct their use of technology.
4. Parents will accept responsibility for any damages to software and/or related equipment resulting from misuse by their child(ren).

III STUDENT AND PARENT CONSENT

I, _____, have read and understand the Board of Education Policy regarding Internet access. I agree to conduct myself responsibly when using the technology systems provided by St. John Lutheran School. I am aware that any misconduct may result in disciplinary actions or criminal proceedings.

Date: _____
Signature of Student

I, _____, the parent or guardian of _____ have read and understand the Board of Education Policy regarding my son/daughter's access to computer technology including Internet. I have discussed the results of any misconduct with my child. I understand that I may revoke my consent to access these services at any time.

I give permission for my child to have access

I **do not give** permission for my child to have access

Date: _____
Signature of Parent/Guardian