



**Diocese of Fall River  
School  
Student  
Computer System and Internet Acceptable Use Agreement**

Saint Joseph School believes in the educational value of a computer system and the Internet and recognizes their potential to support and enrich the curriculum and the student learning process. Our goal in providing a computer system and Internet access is to promote educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication. Use of the computer system and the Internet is a privilege and access entails responsibility. School cannot prevent the availability of all inappropriate material on the Internet. The use of the system and Internet is subject to this acceptable use agreement and the rules, regulations and policies of the school, the Department of Education and the Diocese of Fall River School supports and respects each family's right to decide whether or not to apply for student computer system and Internet access.

**Acceptable Use:** The computer system and Internet access has been established for an educational purpose. The user understands and agrees to the following.

- The use of the system and Internet must be consistent with and in support of the educational goals and objectives of the school's curriculum and mission statement.
- The use of any materials in violation of any law is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, copyrighted materials, threatening or obscene materials, or material protected by trademark or trade secret.
- The purchase or sale of any product or service, or any other commercial use, is prohibited.
- The listing of any advertisements or political materials is prohibited.
- Illegal activities of any kind are prohibited.

**Behavior:** The user is expected to follow the generally accepted rules of the computer use/Internet etiquette. These rules include, but are not limited to, the following.

- Be polite. Always use the system in an ethical and respectful manner.
- Use appropriate language.
- User shall not reveal his/her name, home address, personal telephone number or any other personal information. User shall not reveal the personal information of any other person.
- User shall not disrupt or congest the computer system or Internet in any manner.
- User shall not post anonymous messages.
- User shall not access, create, or distribute harassing, defaming, discriminatory, abusive, pornographic, fraudulent, obscene, racist, sexist, or threatening material or imagery.
- User shall not attempt to access blocked Internet sites.
- User shall only use school approved, licensed software and shall not use other programs or applications or download any information without the permission of the head of school.
- User shall not use the account or password (if the school assigns one) of another user or attempt to impersonate any other person.
- Confidential information should not be transmitted over the Internet.
- User shall report any known or suspected misuse of the computer system and/or Internet to the head of school. User shall not make any false complaints against any other user.
- User shall not access any "chat rooms" unless access has been approved by the head of school.

**NOTE:** *User will not be given an e-mail account on the computer system. User shall not sign up for or access any e-mail service offered through the Internet. School explicitly prohibits user from having any access to any e-mail services unless it has been specifically approved for a limited time and purpose by the head of school. If user has been granted approval to use e-mail, user understands that e-mail is not private. Any messages received that relate to or are in support of illegal activities, or that are prohibited by this acceptable use agreement, or that make the user feel uncomfortable, shall be reported immediately to the head of school. User shall not send messages or use the computer system and/or Internet in any manner that they would not be comfortable seeing reproduced publicly.*

**Services:** School makes no warranties of any kind, whether express or implied, with respect to the use of the computer system and/or Internet. Use of any information obtained through the use of the computer system and/or Internet is at the user's own risk. School does not accept any responsibility for the accuracy of information obtained through the Internet or for any damage user may suffer as a result of use of the computer system and/or Internet, including but not limited to, loss of data or interruption of service. School is not responsible for any financial obligations arising from the unauthorized use of the computer system and/or Internet.

**Security:** Security on any computer system is a high priority. If a user identifies a security problem, he/she shall notify the head of the school immediately, without discussing it or showing it to another person. Any user identified, as a security risk will be subject to disciplinary action, up to, and including expulsion.

**Vandalism:** Vandalism includes, but is not limited to, any attempt to harm or destroy the computer system, hardware, software, or data of school\* another user or any other agency or network that is connected through the Internet. Vandalism will subject the user to disciplinary action, up to, and, including expulsion, and may involve a referral to appropriate law enforcement agencies.

**Password:** If the school uses passwords, user understands that the password chosen is for personal use only and shall not be shared with any person, except as directed by school. The password may be changed any time according to the needs of school.

**Monitoring:** The computer system and all communications and information transmitted by, received from, or stored in the computer system, including e-mail, are the property of the school. User should not expect that his/her use of the computer system and Internet is private. User has no expectation of privacy in any use of the Internet or computer system. School has the right, at any time, to access, monitor, and disclose any and all use of the computer system and Internet, including but not limited to, back-up files, e-mail messages and the transmission, receipt or storage of information in the computer as deems necessary. Monitoring will be conducted to ensure system integrity and to ensure that all users are using the computer system and Internet responsibly and according to this acceptable use agreement. ***User acknowledges and expressly consents to school accessing, monitoring, and disclosing his/her use of the computer system and/or Internet at any time at school's discretion.***

**Termination:** School has the sole right at any time, with or without cause, to terminate or suspend any user's access to, and use of, the computer system and/or the Internet.

**Responsibility:** User understands that the computer system and Internet is to be used only for educational purposes. Any violation of the terms of this acceptable use agreement may result in loss of computer system and Internet privileges, disciplinary action, up to, and, including expulsion, and appropriate legal action.

The Internet links computers around the world and provides access to a wide variety of information and resources. The law affecting the Internet is developing and changing daily. No acceptable use agreement could identify each and every inappropriate use of the computer system and/or Internet through school property. School is the sole judge of whether the use of the computer system and/or Internet is consistent with this acceptable use agreement and its decision shall be final. If user is unsure whether use of the computer system or Internet is appropriate, user shall confer with the head of school. School reserves the right to modify this acceptable use agreement at any time in any manner.

I have read this acceptable use agreement in its entirety. In consideration of granting me access to the computer system and/or Internet, I agree to be governed by the provisions of this agreement.

Print Name of User (Student): \_\_\_\_\_

User Signature (Student): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT/GUARDIAN**

As the parent or guardian of this user I have read this acceptable use agreement and understand that access to, and utilization of, school computer system and Internet access is intended and designed for educational purposes. I understand that computer security cannot be made perfect and it is possible that an industrious user could make use of the computer system and Internet for inappropriate purposes. I will instruct my child regarding the acceptable behavior and restrictions as noted in this acceptable use agreement and any additional restrictions that I may have. **I have specifically reviewed the monitoring section of this acceptable use agreement and expressly consent to school's accessing, monitoring, and disclosing this child's use of the computer system and/or Internet at any time at school's discretion.**

I agree to release and hold school, the Department of Education, and the Diocese of Fall River, and their agents, employees, and representatives forever harmless and indemnified against and from any and all liability, loss, damages, costs, claims, and/or causes of action, including any legal fees in defending such claim, resulting from or arising out of this student's use of, or ability to use, the computer system and/or Internet.

I also agree to release and hold school, the Department of Education, and the Diocese of Fall River, and their agents, employees, and representatives forever harmless and indemnified against and from any and all claims or right of actions for damages which this student has or hereafter may acquire either before or after the student has reached majority, including but not limited to property damage, and including any legal fees in defending such claims, resulting from or arising out of this student's use of, or inability to use, the computer system and/or Internet.

I have read this acceptable use agreement in its entirety. In consideration of granting this student access to the computer system and/or Internet, I agree to be governed by the provisions of this agreement.

Print Name Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_