

SACRED HEART SCHOOL

INTERNET - ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY



Introduction

We are pleased to offer the students of Sacred Heart School access to our computer network and Internet. To use these resources all students and parents must sign and return the permission form. Parents please read and review its content with your son/daughter. Any questions or concerns about this permission form or any aspect of the computer network or Internet Access should be referred to your school's Principal.

General Network Use

The network is provided for students to conduct research and complete assignments. Students are responsible for good behavior on the school's computer network. Access is a privilege - not a right. As such, general school rules for behavior and communication apply.

Internet / World Wide Web

Access to the Internet will enable the students to use thousands of libraries and databases. Families should be warned that some material accessible via the Internet might contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate or potentially offensive to some people. While our intent is to further educational goals and objectives, students may find ways to access other materials as well. Filtering software is in use, but no filtering system is capable of blocking 100% of the inappropriate material available on the Internet. We believe that the benefits to students from access to the Internet, in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration, exceed any disadvantages. Ultimately, parents and guardians of minors are responsible for settings and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using media and information sources. To that end, Sacred Heart School supports and respects each family's decision whether to sign our Internet Consent Form.

Internet usage at Sacred Heart School will not be used...

- Without Adult Supervision
- For downloading unacceptable materials
- To harass, insult, bully or attack others
- To intentionally waste limited computer resources
- To access Newsgroups, IRC/IM Chatting
- For Social Networking (MySpace, Facebook, Twitter, etc.)
- In conjunction with third party add-ons including but not limited to : AOL, AIM, Yahoo IM, MSN IM, Google IM, iTunes, Napster or Limewire
- To violate student's right to privacy/confidentiality
- For unauthorized purchases or illegal activity and political purposes