

St. Gerald Catholic School

Acceptable Use of Internet and Network Resources

Purpose

St. Gerald Catholic School offers Internet access to its students, faculty, and staff. Access to the school network is a privilege that should be respected. Internet usage in the classroom and in the computer lab is to support the educational objectives of St. Gerald Catholic School. The Internet opens our school to many educational possibilities and it has potential for abuse. While we do have monitoring systems, students must take full responsibility for his or her own actions.

Privacy

Students should not have an expectation of privacy while using the school computer network. Network storage areas will be treated like school lockers, they can be searched at anytime.

St. Gerald Catholic School reserves the right to monitor, log, review Internet and other network activities of students.

Guidelines

Inappropriate Use

Inappropriate use includes, but is not limited to those that are specifically outlined as violations in this document. The following actions are considered inappropriate uses, are prohibited, and will result in disciplinary actions and/ or computer privileges suspended or revoked.

- Any malicious attempt to cause damage to St. Gerald Catholic School equipment, materials, or user data.
- Modifying or changing computer settings.
- Use to access, view, or obtain material that is obscene, pornographic, or harmful to minors.
- Loading or use of unauthorized games, programs, files, music, internet sites, or other electronic media.
- Use to upload, create or attempt to create a computer virus.
- Use to obtain copy or modify files, data or information belonging to other users.
- Hate mail, harassment, discriminatory, remarks, threatening statements and other antisocial communication.
- Bullying/ Cyber bullying

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Network Etiquette

Students are expected to follow by the general accepted rules of network etiquette. These include but are not limited to the following:

- Be polite.
- Use appropriate language. Do not use vulgarities or other inappropriate language or remarks that are offensive to other users.
- Do not reveal personal information such as name, address, phone number or photos.

Violations

St. Gerald Catholic School reserves the right to revoke, suspend, or deny specific user privileges and/or take other disciplinary actions for violation of this policy.

Internet Safety Measures

St. Gerald Catholic School internet safety measures will be enforced to ensure that internet/network use is solely for educational and instructional purposes.

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Student: _____ **Date** _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ **Date** _____

Failure to have this signed in a reasonable amount of time will result in not being able to use the St. Gerald network.

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