

# The Diocese of San Bernardino Education & Welfare Corporation Internet Use Agreement

Please read this document carefully before signing it.

Internet access is now available to students and teachers at Holy Rosary Academy. We are very pleased to bring this access to Holy Rosary Academy and believe the Internet offers vast, diverse, and unique resources to both the students and teachers. Our goal in providing this service to the teachers and students is to promote educational excellence in schools by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication.

The Internet is an electronic highway connecting thousands of computers all over the world and millions of individual subscribers. With access to computers and people all over the world comes the availability of material that may not be considered to be of educational value in the context of the school setting. The Diocese/School has taken precautions to restrict access to controversial materials. However, on a global network it is impossible to control all materials and an industrious user may discover controversial information. The Diocese/School firmly believes that the valuable information and interaction available on this worldwide network far outweighs the possibility that users may procure material that is not consistent with the educational goals of the Diocese/School.

Internet access is coordinated through a complex association of government agencies, and regional and state networks. In addition, the smooth operation of the network relies upon the proper conduct of the end users who must adhere to strict guidelines. These guidelines are provided here so that you are aware of the responsibilities you about to acquire. In general this requires efficient, ethical and legal utilization of the network resources. If a Holy Rosary Academy user violates any of these provisions, he/she could lose his/her computer privileges. The signatures at the end of this document are legally binding and indicates the parties who signed have read the terms and conditions carefully and understands their significance.

## Internet Terms and Conditions

- 1) **Acceptable Use.** The purpose of the Internet is to support research and education in and among institutions in the United States by providing access to unique resources and the opportunity for collaborative work. The use must be in support of education and research consistent with the educational objectives of the Diocese/School. Use of other organization's network or computing resources must comply with the rules appropriate for that network. Transmission of any material in violation of any US or state regulation is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material, or material protected by trade secret.
- 2) **Privileges.** The use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges. Each student will be part of a discussion with a School faculty member pertaining to the proper use of the network. The Principal will deem what is inappropriate use and that decision is final. Also, any faculty and staff member of the School may request the Principal to deny, revoke, or suspend specific students.
- 3) **Network Etiquette.** You are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These include but are not limited to the following:
  - a. Be polite. Do not get abusive in your messages to others.
  - b. Use appropriate language. Do not use vulgarities or any other inappropriate language. Illegal activities are strictly forbidden.
  - c. Do not use the network in such a way that you would disrupt the use of the network by other users.
  - d. All communication and information accessible via the network should be assumed to be private property.
- 4) The Diocese/School makes no warrants of any kind, whether expressed or implied for the service it is providing. The Diocese/School will not be responsible for any damages you suffer. This includes loss of data resulting from delays or service interruptions. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at your own risk. The Diocese/School is not responsible for the accuracy or quality of information obtained.
- 5) **Security.** Security on any computer system is a high priority, especially when the system involves many users. If you feel you can identify a security problem on the Internet, you must notify the Principal. Do not demonstrate the problem to other users. Attempts to logon to the Internet as a "system administrator" will result in the loss of computer privileges.
- 6) **Vandalism.** Vandalism may result in cancellation of all computer privileges. Vandalism is defined as any attempt to harm or destroy data, hardware, software or the uploading or creation of computer viruses.

## Internet Use Agreement

I understand I will abide by the above Internet Use Agreement. I further understand that any violation of the regulations above is unethical and may constitute a criminal offense. Should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked, disciplinary action may be taken, and/or appropriate legal action may be taken.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read the Internet Use Agreement. I understand that this access is designed for educational purposes. Holy Rosary Academy has taken precautions to eliminate controversial material. However, I recognize it is impossible for the School to restrict access to all controversial materials and I will not hold them responsible for materials acquired on the network. Further, I accept full responsibility for supervision if and when my child's use is not in a school setting. I hereby give permission for my child to use Holy Rosary Academy's computer lab and network.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the Internet Use Agreement and agree to promote this agreement with the student. Because the student may use the network for individual work or in the context of another class, I cannot be held responsible for the student use of the network. As the sponsoring teacher, I do agree to instruct the student on acceptable use of the network and proper network etiquette.

Teacher's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_