

Telecommunications Policy

Student Expectations in Use of the Internet

The use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use or violation of any of the following standards will result in serious consequences and could result in expulsion from the school.

1. Use of the computer at school is limited to school related activities. Internet users are expected to behave responsibly in accessing and viewing information that is pertinent to the mission of the school.
2. Vandalism and other infractions of school policy while using the Internet will result in immediate cancellation of privileges along with disciplinary action.
3. After School/Home Access requires students to follow the same student expectations as stated in the "Discipline Code for Student Conduct" and "Harassment Policies" in the Student Handbook.
4. Students must abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette both inside and outside the school.
5. Students are responsible for their explorations on the Internet and are subject to the consequences of the school's discipline policy.
6. Students must sign a contract indicating their understanding and acceptance of the school's guidelines (see Parent/Student Handbook).
7. Parents must give their permission for their child to use the Internet for educational purposes as an individual by signing the Contract Form once conditions are clearly understood. Parents also have the option of denying permission for their child to use the Internet independently at school.

Standards of Behavior

- Be courteous and respectful in your messages to others.
- Use appropriate language. Do not use vulgar, harassing, obscene, threatening, bullying, abusive, or sexually offensive language, or make any statements that are slanderous or disparaging of any students or adults.
- Never visit inappropriate or offensive websites.
- Never download materials from inappropriate or offensive websites.
- Never expose yourself in an inappropriate, vulgar, or sexually offensive manner on any website or via e-mail, either in pictures or in videos.
- Illegal activities are strictly forbidden.
- Do not reveal your home address or phone number, or that of other students or school staff.
- Note that electronic mail (e-mail) is not guaranteed to be private. People who operate the system do have access to all mail. Messages related to or in support of illegal activities may be reported to the authorities.
- Proofread your message before you send it.
- Never agree to get together with someone you "meet" online.
- Only public domain software ("shareware") can be downloaded.
- Copyright laws must be respected. Do not make unauthorized copies of Software; and do not give, lend, or sell copies of software to others.
- Do not use the Network/Internet for illegal activities.
- Software applications, games, or CD-ROMS from home may not be used on school equipment without proof of licensure and prior approval of appropriate school personnel.
- Do not reveal personal passwords, use or try to learn others' passwords. Do not copy, change, read or use another user's files without prior permission from that user. Do not attempt to gain unauthorized access to system programs for computer equipment.
- Do not post personal messages on bulletin boards or "list servers." Send personal messages directly to the person to whom you want to write.
- Do not use the network in such a way that you would disrupt the use of the network for other users.
- Do not waste or take supplies such as paper, printer cartridges, and diskettes that are provided by the school.
- Talk softly and work in ways that will not disturb other users. Keep computer work areas clean and do not eat or drink in the computer lab.
- If students encounter material on a network/bulletin board that is not appropriate (vulgar jokes, statements of belief that some might consider immoral, etc.), the student is responsible for not pursuing this material and reporting the matter to appropriate school personnel.

- The use of cell phones, camera phones or other digital media is prohibited during the school day. Cell phones, camera phones, or other personal electronic devices will be confiscated if students use them during the school day without permission. In addition, any student who uses a camera, camera phone or any other personal electronic devices in school or in the classroom, for any reason, will be suspended. Further disciplinary measures including expulsion, will be considered depending on the nature of the camera, camera phone, or any other personal electronic device usage.
- Technology use outside normal academic hours and/or off school grounds (including, but not limited to cell phones, e-mail, text messages, camera phones, cameras, personal digital assistants (PDA's), chat lines, bulletin boards, etc.), are subject to the same guidelines as previously cited in the "Discipline Code for Student Conduct," "Harassment Policies" and the "Summary Statement."
- The school reserves the right to seek financial restitution for any damage caused by a student or other user. The system administrators will deem what is inappropriate use, and their decision is final. The administration, faculty, and staff of the school may request the system administrator to deny, revoke, or suspend specific privileges. Violation of the rules and code of ethics described herein will be dealt with seriously.
- *Transmission of any material in violation of any U.S. or state regulation is prohibited.* This includes, but is not limited to, copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material, or material protected by trade secret. The use of school computers and networking resources for commercial activities is not permitted. Their use for product advertisement or political lobbying is also prohibited.

Technology Use/Telecommunications Policy Agreement for the Current School Year for St. Raymond Elementary School

Adapted from NCEA's From the Chalkboard to the Chatroom ... 1997

User (the Student)

I understand and agree to abide by the Telecommunications Policy/Student Expectations in the Use of the Internet Agreement. I further understand that any violation of these regulations is unethical and may constitute a criminal offense. Should I commit any violations, my access privileges may be revoked, school disciplinary actions and/or appropriate legal actions may be taken.

User's Name – Please print:

User's Signature:

Date:

(ALL GRADES)

(ONLY FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 2 TO 8)

Parent/Guardian

As the parent of this student, I have read the Technology Use Agreement. I understand that this access is designed for educational purposes. I am aware that it is impossible for the school to restrict access to all controversial materials and I will not hold them responsible for materials acquired in use. Further, I accept full responsibility for supervision, if and when, my child's use of school's technology resources is not in a school setting. I hereby give permission for my child to use the school's technology resources and certify that I have reviewed this information with my child.

Parent/Guardian's Name – Please Print:

Parent/Guardian's Signature:

Date:

*** Please, return to school within two (2) days of receipt. ***