

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 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.
7. A Parent/Guardian 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. A Parent/guardian 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 email, either in pictures or videos.
- Illegal activities are strictly forbidden.
- Do not reveal your home address or phone number, or that of other students or 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 and games 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, list servers or social media platforms. 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 or printer cartridges, 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, smart watches 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 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 personal electronic device use.
- 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, iPads, iPhones, 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 above will be dealt with seriously, which may include contacting law enforcement..
- *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.

Student Name: _____

Grade _____

Student Signature: _____

Date _____

APPENDIX
Our Lady Star of the Sea School

**Parent/Guardian Signature Page – Return Due Date:
September 15, 2025**

We have received a copy of the school handbook and have read it.

(Parent/Guardian Signature)

(Grade 2 and above Student's signature)

MEDIA AUTHORIZATION AND RELEASE

I hereby consent to the taking of photographs, movies, videos, and images capable of reproduction in any medium of me or my children or children of whom I am the designated guardian.

Names of Children, Parent/Guardian

by the Department of Education, Archdiocese of New York and/or the Catholic School Region and their parent/guardian, affiliates, trustees, directors, members, officers, employees, volunteers, agents, and contractors (the "School").

I hereby grant to School the right to edit, reproduce, use, and reuse images for any and all purposes including, but not limited to, advertising, promotion and display, and I hereby consent to the editing, reproduction, use and re-use of said images in any and all media in existence and all media yet in existence including, but not limited to, video, print, television, internet, and podcasts.

I forever grant, assign, and transfer to School any right, title, and interest that I and/or my child/children may have in any images, including negatives, taken of me and/or my children by School. I hereby agree to release, indemnify, and hold harmless School from any and all claims, demands, actions, or causes of actions, loss, liability, damage, or cost arising from this authorization.

Print Name

Name of Child/Children [if applicable]

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

SIGNED Form Due by September 15, 2025.

**Technology Use/Telecommunications Policy
Agreement for 2025-2026 School Year
for Our Lady Star of the Sea School
Signed form due September 15, 2025**

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

User

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 violation, my access privileges may be revoked, school disciplinary action may be taken, and/or appropriate legal action may be taken.

User's name (please print): _____

User Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian

As the parent/guardian 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 Signature: _____
Date: _____

Textbook/Software/Hardware Request Form

Our Lady Star of the Sea School

5411 Amboy Rd.

Staten Island, NY 10312

NEW YORK STATE TEXTBOOK LAW (NYSTL), SOFTWARE
LAW (NYSSL), LIBRARY LAW (NYSLIB),
AND COMPUTER HARDWARE (NYS CH)

PARENT/GUARDIAN REQUEST FORM FOR SCHOOL YEAR
2025-26

I hereby authorize the school to obtain state-loaned textbooks, software, library materials, and computer hardware for my child _____ who is in grade _____ pursuant to the New York State Textbook, Software, Library, and Computer Hardware Laws.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Address

Date

Consent

I have read this form, understood its contents and consent to (a) the collection, use, processing and transfer by [SCHOOL] of certain personal information about you (the "Data"); (b) any transfer of Data by any such authorized person for the purposes of implementing, administering and managing the purposes outlined above; (c) the use of such Data by any such authorized person for such purposes; and (d) the transfer to and retention of such Data by third parties in connection with such purposes. I further agree and acknowledge that while [SCHOOL] has taken all necessary and reasonable steps to ensure that all third parties protect such Data, [SCHOOL] has no control over how the third party will use or disseminate my information. I agree to release and hold harmless [SCHOOL], its representatives, officers, employees, contractors, agents, and assignees, from any and all claims of action or damages of any kind arising from, or in any way connected to, the release or use of any information or records by any third party pursuant to this form and as allowed by all applicable laws.

Complete Name of Student/Child/Ward: _____

Signature of Student: _____

Date: _____

If below 18 years old,

As the parent/guardian of this student, I have read the data privacy consent form, understood its contents, and provide consent to use the personal information collected as outlined and in accordance with this form. I hereby give permission to use the personal information collected as outlined and in accordance with this form and certify that I have reviewed this information with my child.

Parent/Guardian's name (please print): _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Due: September 15, 2025