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## Introduction:

Electronic readers ("e-Readers") are digital devices that can store books, periodicals, magazines, and other electronic media. e-Readers such as Amazon's Kindle, Barnes & Noble's Nook, and Apple's iPad have become widespread in our digital culture. Saint Joseph School, in striving to maintain technological relevance in education, is providing the opportunity for students to use these devices in accordance with our e-Reader Acceptable Use Policy. This opportunity is a privilege that requires extra caution and responsibility both on the part of the students and their parents.

## e-Reader Acceptable Use Policy:

The wide variety of hardware and software capabilities of available e-Readers makes them challenging to monitor and control in a school environment in contrast with school-owned technology assets like computers, etc. Therefore, our e-Reader Acceptable Use Policy needs to be specific and clear. A student who violates any portion of the e-Reader Acceptable Use Policy may immediately lose the privilege to use their e-Reader at school for a length of time commensurate with the nature of the violation. Inappropriate use or violation of the Acceptable Use Policy on personal equipment may also result in disciplinary action in accordance with school policy.

- 1. All e-Readers must be registered with the Saint Joseph School Network Administrator and accompanied by the Acceptable Use Agreement Form signed both by the parents and the student.
- 2. e-Readers are to be used only for the reading of school-approved material (books, etc.) and not for other purposes such as communication, entertainment, music, gaming, etc.
- 3. All material on the e-Reader must comply with the spirit and policies of Saint Joseph School. Please refer to the Parent-Student Handbook for more details.
- 4. All e-Readers must have cellular and network capabilities disabled (turned off) while the device is at school.
- 5. e-Readers must be used at appropriate times in accordance with teacher instructions. The e-Reader must not be a distraction for the student or those around him/her nor be a source of any classroom disruption.
- 6. e-Readers are not to be used during lunch or during playground/recess time.
- 7. The student is responsible for knowing how to properly and effectively use their e-Readers, and this should not be a burden for the teachers.
- 8. e-Readers, as of Monday, November 5, 2012, with initial induction, and until otherwise specified by Saint Joseph School, will only be for the use of students in **Grades 1-8**.
- 9. Saint Joseph School will not be held liable for the loss or damage of e-readers.
- 10. Final authority regarding the use of e-readers rests with the administration of Saint Joseph School.

\*Saint Joseph School reserves the right to amend this policy when circumstances warrant it. Parent/Guardian Agreement

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I authorize my child to bring their e-Reader to Saint Joseph School with the understanding that it is to be used as <u>a tool for reading only</u> and that my child <u>will comply with the</u> <u>aforementioned e-Reader Acceptable Use Policy</u>. I understand that Saint Joseph School is not <u>responsible for any damage or loss associated with my child's e-Reader</u>. I also understand that <u>a violation</u> of the e-Reader policy <u>may result in my child losing the privilege</u> to bring their e-Reader to school for a length of time commensurate with the nature of the violation and that inappropriate use may also result in disciplinary action.

Parent/Guardian Name: (Print)	
Parent/Guardian Signature:	Date:
Parent/Guardian Phone:	
Parent/Guardian Email:	
e-Reader Make/Model:	
e-Reader Serial Number:	
e-Reader MAC Address:	
Student Agreement	
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Student Name: (Print)	
Student Signature:	Date:
Network Administrator/Technology Specialist Name: (Print)	
Network Administrator/Technology Specialist Signature:	Date: