

Acceptable Use of the Internet and Related Technology

It is the policy of Immaculate Conception School to require the responsible, legal, and ethical use of the Internet and related technologies by all students, employees, and volunteers of ICS. The purpose of our school's technology policy is to set forth guidelines for use of the school's computers, access to the ICS computer system and acceptable, safe use of the internet – including all electronic devices/communication. Access privileges may be revoked, school disciplinary action may be taken, and/or appropriate legal action may be taken for violations that are illegal, irresponsible, or unethical.

Students must sign the ICS Acceptable Use Policy in order to use computers, electronic devices and the internet. The ICS Acceptable Use Policy is as follows:

Immaculate Conception School's Acceptable Use Policy

Immaculate Conception School has actively pursued making advanced technology opportunities available to our students to further our educational goals. The Internet is part of this technology. It is a tool for lifelong learning. With this learning tool, students must understand and practice proper and ethical use as described below.

1. **PRIVILEGE:**

The use of the Internet, computers and related technology is a privilege, not a right. Internet access will only be granted to those students who have read and acknowledged their understanding of this policy. This access entails responsibility. Students are responsible for good behavior using technology just as they are in a classroom or any other area of the school. Students who use the internet/related technologies agree to act in an ethical and responsible manner. Inappropriate use may result in a cancellation of privileges, disciplinary action and/or appropriate legal action. The hardware and software are the property of Immaculate Conception School.

2. **ACCEPTABLE USE:**

The Internet/related technologies will be used only for purposes related to education, not for personal use. The students' acceptable use of the Internet/related technologies will include the following:

- Using technology to research and complete assigned classroom projects
- Taking online standardized tests
- Using software/technology as directed by a teacher/assignment
- Respecting and upholding copyright laws and other applicable laws or regulations
- Respecting the rights and privacy of others by not accessing others files

3. **UNACCEPTABLE USE:**

The students' unacceptable use of the internet/related technologies will include the following:

- Accessing materials that are inconsistent with the schools code of conduct and educational goals
- Causing damage deliberately or willfully to computer equipment or data
- Taking, sending, displaying or printing offensive or inappropriate messages or pictures
- Accessing another individual's materials, information or files without permission

- Attempting to gain access to server information not open to the public
- Revealing identifying information (name, age, address, phone number, photo, parents names) for yourself or another without your teacher's permission
- Engaging in any use that disrupts the educational or administrative goals of ICS
- Changing any settings on the computer/related technologies that may cause a disruption to learning
- Participation in using technology in any other way that is deemed inappropriate by ICS teachers/administration

As a user of the Immaculate Conception School's Internet/related technologies, I agree to comply with the rules set forth in the Acceptable Use Policy and to use the ICS technologies in a constructive and ethical manner. I understand that any violations of the above regulations may result in disciplinary action, the loss of computer privileges, and/or appropriate legal action.

Student Signature

Date

As a parent or guardian of a student at ICS, I have read the Acceptable Use Policy and the above information. I understand that the school reserves the absolute right to access students' data on computers, or related technologies at any time without prior notice or consent. I also understand that all students are required to strictly adhere to the school's Acceptable Use Policy and that any violation may result in appropriate disciplinary action up to and including expulsion and referral to law enforcement authorities. I agree to indemnify ICS from any losses, costs or damages including reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred by ICS relating to or arising out of any breach of this Acceptable Use Policy.

Parent Signature

Date