

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF EVANSVILLE INTERNET USE POLICY AND AGREEMENT

We are pleased to bring Internet access to St. Matthew and believe the internet offers valuable, diverse, and unique resources to both students and teachers. Our goal in providing this service to teachers and students is to promote educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation and communication.

If a student violates any of the terms and conditions described below, his or her internet privileges will be terminated and future access may be denied. Furthermore, a student may be subject to disciplinary action, including expulsion, for abuse of the use of the Internet. This includes communications originating in or outside of the school by mobile devices of any kind (including but not limited to cellular telephones, BlackBerrys, Pocket PCs, Sidekicks, iPods, tablets, pagers and other similar devices) which threaten other students or school personnel, violate school rules or disrupt the educational process promoted by the school. Abuse of Internet communications may include, for example, the posting or dissemination of written material, graphics, photographs or other representations which communicate, depict, promote or encourage:

- The use of any illegal or controlled substance, including alcoholic beverages;
- Violence or threats of violence, intimidation, or injury to the property or person of another; or
- Lewd, offensive, sexually suggestive or other inappropriate behavior.

STUDENT AGREEMENT

1. **Personal Responsibility.** I will accept personal responsibility for my misuse of the Internet and electronic information system. "Misuse" may be considered any message sent or received that indicates or suggests racism, sexism, and inappropriate language, harassing or insulting messages, inappropriate sexual content or intentionally wasting limited resources.

2. **Acceptable Use.** My use of the Internet and e-mail will be in support of educational research and the education goals and missions of St. Matthew School as defined by the teacher in charge. I understand that "surfing" the Internet can result in congestion of the school network slowing it down for others.

3. **Network Etiquette.** I will be polite and will not send or encourage others to send abusive messages. I will use appropriate language and realize that I am a representative of my school community. I will never use swear words, vulgarities, or other inappropriate language.

4. **Privacy.** I will not reveal my home address or my personal or family phone numbers or those of any member of my school community to anyone over the Internet at any time.

5. **Electronic Mail ("e-mail").** I understand that electronic mail is not guaranteed to be private. I will not send anything that I do not want others to read.

6. **Security.** Under no circumstances will I order any material over the Internet. I will not download and/or attach files from any user or users I am not familiar with.

7. **Copyright.** I understand that to copy another person's work on the Internet and call it my own is a violation of copyright law. This pertains to all text, graphics, and sound. When using other people's work, I will ask permission when possible and credit the author accordingly.

Use of the Internet and e-mail at our school is a privilege and not a right. I understand and will abide by the above Internet Use Agreement. I further understand that any violation of the Internet Use Agreement may be unethical and may constitute a criminal offense. Any violation of my Internet use or access privileges may be revoked and school disciplinary action may be taken.

Student's Name:

_____ (Printed Name)

_____ (Signature)

_____ (Date)

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_____ (Date)

PARENT AGREEMENT

As the parent/guardian of _____,
I have read and discussed the attached Internet Use Policy and Agreement with my child(ren). I understand that Internet access is provided by the school for education purposes only. However, I also recognize it is impossible for the school to restrict access to all controversial materials and I will not hold the school or faculty responsible for materials acquired from the Internet. I give my permission for my child(ren) to access the Internet pursuant to the attached Agreement while supervised at school.

Parent or Guardian:

(Printed Name)

(Signature)

(Date)