



## **TECHNOLOGY ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY - STUDENTS**

This policy is in effect for students of St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic School in grades K-8. It will be enforced at anytime students are using school accounts or school equipment. It will also be enforced if students are using their own devices on school property or during school hours. In addition, if students are using their own equipment and are off school property, this policy may still be in effect if students are involving staff members and/or students of St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Schools. Keep in mind that the mission statement of our school is “ united in Christ to ignite the joy of faith, community, and learning”. Student behavior that is inconsistent with that mission statement can and will be subject to the discipline policy.

1. Access to the Internet and technology use must be related to the student's school responsibilities, for the purpose of education or research, and be consistent with the educational and religious objectives of the school.
2. The use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use, whether in school or outside of school, will result in cancellation of those privileges, disciplinary action (up to and including suspension or expulsion) and/or appropriate legal action. Whether the use is considered inappropriate or violates this policy is a matter within the discretion of the Principal, and his or her decision is final.
3. Use of technology, for educational or social reasons, must be consistent with the educational and religious objectives of the school.
4. Some examples of unacceptable uses of the Internet or technology are:
  - a. Using technology for any illegal activity, including violation of copyright or other contracts, or transmitting any material in violation of any U.S. or state law;
  - b. Unauthorized downloading of software, regardless of whether it is copyrighted;
  - c. Invading the privacy of individuals;
  - d. Using another user's password or account;
  - e. Using pseudonyms or anonymous sign-ons;
  - f. Accessing, submitting, posting, publishing, or displaying any defamatory, inaccurate, abusive, obscene, sexually-oriented, threatening, racially offensive, harassing, or illegal material or other information and/or materials that are inconsistent with the objectives and/or teachings of the school.

g. Engaging in abuse of technology. This includes communications, in or outside of school, using computers/chromebooks, social networking sites, or electronic devices, such as cell phones, tablets/iPads, smart watches other similar devices which threaten other students or school personnel, violate school rules, or disrupt the educational process promoted by the school. Abusive communication includes, for example, posting or dissemination of written material, graphics, photographs or other representations which communicate, depict, promote, or encourage:

- a. Use of illegal or controlled substances, including alcoholic beverages;
  - b. Violence or threats of violence, intimidation, or injury to the property or person of another;
  - c. Use of degrading language to describe or refer to another student, faculty member, or school official; or
  - d. Lewd, offensive, sexually suggestive, or other inappropriate behavior on web pages, web sites, blogs, bulletin boards systems, in email communication or attachments, in discussion groups, user groups, chat rooms, or any other function of the Internet.
- 5. Your school account and password are confidential and must remain so. Do not use another individual's account and confidential password.
  - 6. Use of a photograph, image or likeness of oneself or of any other employee, student, parent, or parishioner on any Internet or web-based site, or in any electronic communication is prohibited, except with the express permission of the Principal.
  - 7. Using school equipment to create a web site or to transmit the likeness, image, photograph or video of any employee, student, parent or parishioner, is prohibited, except with the express permission of the Principal
  - 8. Students are prohibited from permitting any other individual or entity from creating a website for the school facility, or from photographing, video recording, or otherwise creating the likeness of any employee, student, parent, or parishioner for commercial purposes, or for Internet transmission or posting, except with the express permission of the Principal.
  - 9. Students are prohibited for taking video, photographs or audio recordings unless directed to or approved by a staff member for educational purposes.
  - 10. The school reserves the right to monitor employee and student use of school computers, including a student's Internet use and email use and content. Thus, students have no expectation of privacy in their use of school computers, the Internet, or email.

Each student in grades K-8, and his or her parent(s)/guardian(s) must receive and sign this *Technology Acceptable Use Policy* annually.



## **Saint Stephen the Martyr Catholic School Technology Acceptable Use Policy for Students**

### **Statement:**

I understand and have read the information contained in the Saint Stephen the Martyr Catholic School Acceptable Use Policy for the use of technology for students. I understand that use of technology as defined in this policy is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use either at school or outside of school can and/or will result in disciplinary consequences. I understand that supervision of Internet use outside of school is the responsibility of my family. I will discuss our family rules and expectations for using Internet-based tools, and I accept responsibility for supervising my child's Internet access outside of school.

Student Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Homeroom: \_\_\_\_\_