

ST. JOHN SCHOOL PARENT-STUDENT HANDBOOK  
HOME / SCHOOL CONTRACT

As required by the Diocese of Baton Rouge, "Parents who seek a Catholic education for their child/children enter into a contractual agreement between the school and the parent/guardian and/or the rules of the school covering all areas of the student's development as stated in the school's philosophy. As part of the contractual agreement there are explicit (expressed) and implicit (implied) expectations placed on both parent and administration. These rules and regulations are included in the parent-student handbook and school communications."

Catholic schools operate under contract law. The handbook is the printed contract between the parents of minor students and the school or between the adult student and the school. It is required that parent/guardian and their child sign a statement that they and their child agree to abide by the policies, rules, and regulations set forth therein. By signing this statement, parents and students agree to be governed by the rules and regulations stated in the handbook. Failure to abide by the regulations and policies of the school handbook by either the student or his/her parent/guardian may result in the student's removal from the school.

In developing the rules and policies for St. John School, both the Administration and the Advisory Board have tried to anticipate as many circumstances and problems as possible. As new and unusual situations arise, the administration will have the authority to use their discretion in whatever circumstances the handbook rules do not precisely address. The administration also reserve the right to amend the handbook, if they feel it is necessary. The following is a parental agreement stating you have read the St. John Parent-Student Handbook and you agree to be governed by the rules and regulations stated in the handbook.

As a parent/guardian, I have read the St. John Parent-Student Handbook and understand that I must cooperate with the school and adhere to the policies, procedures, and regulations contained in the policy handbook. I also understand that I am accountable for all the policies and regulations contained therein, including the policies and procedures listed in Technology Acceptable Use Policy. I further understand that for the good of the entire school community, the St. John School Administration may, from time to time, deem it necessary to establish special requirements regarding my child's continued enrollment at St. John School. I further understand and acknowledge that re-enrollment and re-admission decisions are made on a year-to-year basis, and my child's re-enrollment for the next school year or any future school year is not guaranteed. I agree to abide by these decisions. This agreement must be signed by both parents/legal guardians with whom the student resides.

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Parent Signature

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Date

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In addition to the parent's signature, high school and middle school students are responsible for following the policies of St. John School. Parents of all students should review and explain all policies and procedures to their children.

High school/middle school students must sign below to acknowledge their adherence to the policies listed in the St. John Parent/Student Handbook.

As a student of St. John High School/Middle School, I understand that I am accountable for the policies and regulations contained in the St. John Parent/Student Handbook.

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Student's Signature

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Date

Parents, please initial your response to the following:

**OPT-OUT ONLY – PUBLIC RELATIONS**

St. John School recognizes student achievement by putting student pictures and names in the newspaper and other publications, makes public relations videos, and uses the school website and social media for promotional purposes. Students are often included in public relations efforts. By signing the handbook contract, you agree that your student's name and likeness may be used by the school for this purpose. INITIAL HERE ONLY IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO OPT-OUT OF HAVING YOUR STUDENT USED IN PUBLIC RELATIONS MATERIALS.

I give permission for my child to be transported by school bus to all school Masses, retreats, and other religious services held at St. John Church during the school year.

YES, I give my permission.  
 NO, I do not give my permission.

## INTERNET ACCESS/ACCEPTABLE USE AGREEMENT

**ALL PARENTS AND STUDENTS MUST READ CAREFULLY, SIGN, AND RETURN TO SCHOOL OFFICE.**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

St. John School provides access to the Internet for all students. Our goal in providing this service is to provide opportunities for research, creativity, and communication. With access to information from all over the world also comes the availability of material that may not be appropriate for use in the school environment. St. John School has instituted certain precautions through supervised access and in compliance with the *Children's Internet Protection Act (CHIP)*. However, on a global network it is impossible to control all materials and a persistent student may discover controversial information. The school firmly believes that the valuable information and interaction available on this global network far outweighs the possibility that users may procure material that is not consistent with the educational goals of the school.

In order for a student to use the Internet connection, they must read the acceptable use guidelines and sign the contract. The contract must also be signed by a parent/guardian. Only students with this contract on file will be allowed to utilize the Internet connection provided through the school.

In addition, students/parents acknowledge that they understand the Acceptable Use Policy may apply to online behaviors that originate anywhere, including from private internet connections and devices. Students and parents found engaging in online bullying, harassment, illegal activities, or any other online conduct that may be detrimental to the school (as determined by the school administration) may be subject to consequences at school as outlined in the Parent/Student Handbook.

Sincerely,

Dr. Gregory Brandao, Interim Principal

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a student at St. John School accept and agree to abide by the following rules.

I agree to abide by all rules, which are included in the St. John School's Acceptable Use Policy.

I realize that the use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right.

I realize that the primary purpose of the school's Internet connection is educational and that as such, educational purposes shall take precedence over all others.

I agree not to use the Internet connection unless given permission by a teacher or under acceptable supervision.

I agree not to participate in the transfer of inappropriate or illegal materials through the school's Internet connection, or any other internet connection or personal device.

I agree not to use the Internet for making threats of violence, slanderous or derogatory remarks against any members of my school community, on any internet connection or device.

I accept that inappropriate behaviors may lead to penalties including loss of privileges, disciplinary action, and/or legal action.

I release St. John School and all other organizations related to the school's Internet connection from any liability or damages that may result from the use of the Internet. In addition, I will accept full responsibility and liability for the results of my actions with regards to the use of the Internet. I release the school and related organizations from any liability relating to consequences resulting from my use of the Internet.

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Student's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

I, \_\_\_\_\_, the parent/guardian of the above, agree to accept all financial and legal liabilities, which may result from my son/daughter's use of the St. John School Internet connection. I understand that my student and I may be subject to the consequences outlined in the Handbook as a result of inappropriate conduct online, no matter where the messages, postings, etc. originate.

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Parent's Signature

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Date