St. Patrick School Acceptable Use Policy

Acceptable Use of Computers, Network, Internet and Websites Policy

Parents need to inform the administration in writing if they do not wish to give permission for students to use St. Patrick School's Computing Resources. St. Patrick School adopts and shall enforce a policy of making technology resources available to advance educational goals and objectives. The implementation of this policy shall include technology protection measures with respect to computers with Internet access, consistent with district standards, the Children's Internet Protection Act or other laws. The superintendent or the superintendent's designees are authorized and directed, as part of the administration of this district, to establish and enforce regulations, forms, procedures, guidelines and specific district standards to implement this policy.

A. Purpose

- Any Computer Use shall constitute an agreement by the Computer User to be bound by all St. Patrick School policies and regulations, these regulations, building guidelines, use agreements, handbook provisions, and all administrative orders or directives as issued from time to time.
- St. Patrick School has complete authority to regulate all Computer Use and Computer Users.
- Computer Use is a privilege and not a right. All files or information stored therein or thereon are the property of St. Patrick School and shall be regulated by St. Patrick School.
- Computer Users have no privacy rights or expectations of privacy when using the same. Computer Use and all files or information stored therein, thereon or linked thereto may be monitored, tracked, logged, copied, reviewed and accessed at any time without prior notice.
- Computer Use is limited to current St. Patrick School employees (and their designees) and students, for St. Patrick School educational uses only.
- Computer Use shall not be permitted for personal reasons or for purposes that are contrary to the mission of St. Patrick School, unless deemed incidental, intermittent or occasional. The administration in its sole and absolute discretion shall determine what personal use may be permitted as incidental, intermittent or occasional.

B. Unacceptable Use

- Computer Users shall not access information or material that is obscene, harmful to minors or students or otherwise inappropriate matter for educational or school-related uses. This includes content blocked by the Diocesan Internet Filter.
- Computer Users shall not engage in Computer Use which involves hacking or attempts to otherwise compromise any proprietary computer system's security.
- Computer Users shall not engage in illegal activities on the Internet.
- Computer Users shall not engage in Computer Use for profit.
- Minors or students shall not use electronic mail, chat rooms and other forms of direct electronic communications without approval of an authorized adult staff member.
- Minors or students shall not disclose, use or disseminate personal identification information of themselves or others on the Internet while engaging in Computer Use.

C. Technology Protection Measure

St. Patrick School shall use a technology protection measure that blocks and/or filters Internet access to prevent access to Internet sites that are not in accordance with policies and regulations. In addition to blocks and/or filters, St. Patrick School may also use other technology protection measures or procedures as deemed appropriate.

D. Websites

St. Patrick School has complete authority to regulate school websites along with all content and posted links therein. This includes authority to shut down or remove any such website or posted link therein. All school websites are bound by and must comply with all St. Patrick School policies and regulations, these regulations, building guidelines, use agreements, handbook provisions and all administrative orders or directives as issued from time to time.

- Web page documents may include only the first name and initial of the student's last name.
- Web page documents may not include a student's phone number or address.

E. Social Networking

Student access to social networking website,s (e.g. myspace, friendster, facebook, tagged, etc.) is blocked and not allowed on school property. Students who develop and maintain personal websites, blogs, and/or social networking pages and who identify themselves as students at St. Patrick School must keep in mind they are representing the school in a public forum, and should not contain images, language, or information which could contradict the values of the school as stated in the school's mission statement. St. Patrick School can and must hold the students responsible for inappropriate content.

The school may take the following actions:

- Call the students in for a conference to request they modify their webpage/blog and/or take the school's name and or images/logo off of the website;
- Communicate with the student's parents/guardians about any inappropriate material on a student's webpage/blog;
- Impose disciplinary consequences which the administration believes are in line with the offenses;
- If the student will not cooperate with the school administration by making his/her webpage,/blog free of anything that would cause harm to the student's reputation or the reputation of the school, firmer disciplinary action will be taken.

F. Violations of Rules

Any violation of St. Patrick School policies and regulations, these regulations, building guidelines, use agreements, handbook provisions or administrative orders or directives as issued from time to time on Computer Use by any Computer User as defined herein, including access to the Internet may result in removal of privileges, reporting enforcement agencies and additional disciplinary action, including possible expulsion of minors or students or termination of employment for staff members or employees.

STUDENT PUBLICATION RELEASE FORM

During participation in St. Patrick School activities and events, students and student products are often photographed, videotaped, and/or audiotaped. They are sometimes published in educational, instructional, and informational materials for St. Patrick School. The purpose of these materials is to showcase student work and participation in publications. Publications might include: McCook Daily Gazette, St. Patrick Church Facebook page, St. Patrick School Website, St. Patrick Schools Alumni & Development Office literature and website. The goal is to positively recognize students and share the St. Patrick School experience.

Parents must notify the school administration in writing if they do not give consent for the student and his or her work to be photographed, videotaped, or audiotaped, which includes waiving the right to inspect and/or approve the material, and release St. Patrick School from any and all liability which could result from its use, authorizing St. Patrick School to use the above mentioned material in whole or in part, in any manner that they deem appropriate, including any reproductions thereof and to identify students appearing in reproduced material by full name in hard copy publications and by first name and last initial only in website publications.