

Student & Parent Handbook Contract

2025-2026

Student Name: _____ Grade Level: _____

School/Parent Partnership

As the primary educators of their children, parents/guardians freely make the choice of a Catholic education for their children. Registration and acceptance at Saint Joseph Academy constitutes an agreement by the parent/guardian to accept and abide by the policies and procedures of the school. A signature of this contract is an agreement to support the mission and philosophy of Saint Joseph Academy.

All members of the Saint Joseph Academy school community, including parents/guardians will be held to a standard of respect in all communication and interaction.

If a parent/guardian refuses to abide by the policies outlined in this handbook or by word or action is unsupportive of the schools goals or otherwise fails to meet his/her obligations to Saint Joseph Academy, the principal may require the parent/guardian to withdraw his/her child from the school.

We have received the 2025-2026 Saint Joseph Academy Student/Parent Handbook and have familiarized ourselves with its contents.

I, the undersigned student, promise as a matter of personal honor to act at all times in accordance with the Saint Joseph Academy Honor Code as outlined in this Handbook.

We understand that these policies are applicable for the 2025-2026 school year, unless otherwise notified of the changes by the Principal.

Release Statements

As a parent of a Saint Joseph Academy student, it is with my full knowledge and consent that we authorize Saint Joseph Academy to release and/or share grades, class rank, and other information about my son/daughter with colleges and/or their representatives. This information, relevant to the college admissions and/or scholarship application process of my son/daughter, is to be used solely for educational planning and placement purposes. I understand that SAT, ACT, and/or AP test scores will not be released unless requested by my son/daughter on the Transcript Request Form. I further understand that under Texas state law, official transcripts may only be submitted directly from Saint Joseph Academy to colleges and other institutions. Students and/or parents may not deliver official transcripts.

We consent to receiving information from members of the staff and faculty by letter, phone, text message, email, or any other written or electronic correspondence. We, likewise, give Saint Joseph Academy permission to publish and use, in SJA publications, any photos in which I/we appear that may be taken during class or other Academy events.

Marist Pledge

We are faith-filled disciples of Jesus, Mary and Champagnat. We are empowered witnesses to God's love in our lives, and we live simply, morally and with integrity. We are agents of justice and service who stand in compassionate solidarity with the least favored. As servant leaders, we recognize that we are responsible to share our unique gifts and talents with the world. We are members of a Marist family and embody a spirit which welcomes all people as members of the one family created by God.

Print Student Name

Student's Signature

Date

Print Parent/Legal Guardian Name

Parent's/Legal Guardian's Signature

Date

Technology Use Agreement

2025-2026

Student Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

I have read and understand Saint Joseph Academy's Acceptable Technology Use Policy. I promise to meet the expectations of this policy. I understand that failure to meet any of these expectations may result in revocation of my permission to use the school's computers and/or other disciplinary action, including legal action for criminal offenses.

Print Student Name

Student's Signature

Date

Both my child and I have read Saint Joseph Academy's Acceptable Technology Use Policy. I am satisfied that my child understands the expectations that this policy entails. I give my child permission to use the school's computer facilities in a manner consistent with this policy. I understand that failure to meet any of these expectations may result in revocation of my child's permission to use the school's computers and/or other disciplinary action.

Print Parent/Legal Guardian Name

Parent's/Legal Guardian's Signature

Date

Technology Acceptable Use Policy

Saint Joseph Academy's computer facilities provide excellent opportunities to explore and use a varied and exciting set of educational resources including computer programs, CDs, and access to the Internet.

The school recognizes that the Internet's greatest strength, largely unregulated and unregulatable access to virtually limitless sources of information, also poses a hazard. Some Internet sites contain materials that are sexually explicit, offensive, or contrary to the school's educational mission. Saint Joseph Academy attempts to limit access to sexually explicit websites through the use of so-called "filters," but these measures cannot be guaranteed to be effective in deterring an individual who is intent on accessing such sites. The school does provide supervision wherever computers are in use, but the student bears primary responsibility for using the school's computer facilities for appropriate means only.

Specific expectations of students who use or access Saint Joseph Academy's computers:

- No person will deliberately or willfully cause damage to computer equipment or software or assist others in doing the same.
- No person will deliberately access sexually explicit or other educationally inappropriate materials or show others how to do the same.
- No person will re-post personal communications without the original author's prior consent. Messages in a public forum (e.g. newsgroups or list serves) may be copied in subsequent communications with proper attribution to the author.
- Anonymity and impersonation are not permitted. Users must use their own real names; pseudonyms are not allowed.
- For reasons of personal safety, no person should reveal his/her own or anyone else's personal address or phone number.
- Each person will use language appropriate to the educational setting, avoiding offensive or profane language.
- All school rules as listed in the Student and Parent Handbook apply to the use of technology.
- Each person will respect the rights of others to the privacy of the files they store on a computer or a disk and will not view those files without the owner's permission or alter or damage such files.
- Each person will respect and uphold copyright laws.
- Each person will follow any regulations posted in the computer facility he/she is using.
- Each person will follow the directions of the adult in charge of the computer facility.
- Failure to meet any of these expectations may result in revocation of the student's permission to use the school's computers and/or other disciplinary action.

In order for the student to use the school's computers in 2024-2025, the Technology Use Agreement (found on the reverse of this page) must be signed by both student and parent(s) and returned with the registration materials.