

Acceptable Use Policy In-School Use of the Internet

The document that follows is Blessed Sacrament Parish School's statement regarding appropriate rules for using the Internet at school. Please read the following carefully before signing the attached agreement.

Blessed Sacrament Parish School offers Internet access to your child in the school setting; therefore, it is incumbent upon the school's administration to issue a policy statement and require express parental or guardian permission for their student's use of the Internet at school. Access to the Internet offers vast, diverse, and unique resources that can promote educational opportunities to students as well as school personnel. However, as with all privileges, there are attendant responsibilities and expectations.

The Internet is an electronic highway connecting thousands of computers all over the world which can give students and teachers access to a variety of rich, educational resources. The World Wide Web, a portion of the Internet that your student can use, includes some information specifically designed for children, up-to-the minute scientific information, Supreme Court documents, and other information that is traditionally difficult to obtain in the school environment.

Educational value of appropriate information on the Internet is substantial. The Internet is composed of information provided by institutions and people all over the world and thus, also includes material that is not of educational value in the context of the school setting. There is information which, may be judged as inaccurate, abusive, profane, sexually oriented or illegal. The use of this material is not condoned and will not be tolerated. Blessed Sacrament Parish School has taken precautions to monitor all Internet activity. Responsible use of the Internet by all students is required at all times.

Internet access is available on computers that are in highly visible areas of the school such as computer labs, classrooms and library areas. However, parents and guardians must be aware that direct supervision by school personnel may not always be possible. Thus, students are expected to use the resources in a manner consistent with school policy and this Acceptable Use Policy. Every student will be held responsible for the appropriate use of the Internet resources available while at school.

Use of Blessed Sacrament Parish School's Internet connection is a privilege, not a right. Inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges. Before using the Internet, every student will learn about proper use of the network, become familiar with netiquette, and become familiar with the Acceptable Use Policy for BSPS.

Proper and acceptable use of the Internet must be in support of education and academic research and consistent with the mission statement and belief statements of Blessed Sacrament Parish School.

Internet activities that are permitted and encouraged—

- >investigation of topics being studied in school
- >investigation of opportunities outside school related to community service, employment or further education.

Internet activities that are not permitted.-

- >searching for, viewing or retrieving materials that are not related to school work, community service, employment or further education (i.e., searching or viewing sexually explicit material)
- >copying, saving, or redistributing copyrighted material (users are to assume all material is copyrighted unless explicitly noted)
- >subscription to any services or ordering of any goods or services
- >playing games or using other interactive sites such as "chat rooms" unless specifically assigned by the teacher
- >any activity that violates a school rule or a local, state or federal law.

If a student has any questions about whether a specific activity is permitted, he or she should ask a teacher or administrator. If a student accidentally accesses inappropriate material, she or he should back out of that information at once.

Violations of the terms of this agreement may result in suspension or revocation of a student's access to the Internet at school. Any action taken by a student which is in violation of a school rule will be subject to the usual disciplinary actions. Parent and student signatures on the attached agreement are legally binding and the parties who signed have read the terms and conditions carefully and understand their significance.

Parents, please keep this copy of the Acceptable Use Policy for Blessed Sacrament Parish School. The attached agreement must be signed and returned to the school office in order to permit your student's use of the Internet available at Blessed Sacrament Parish School. A separate, appropriately completed and signed agreement is required for every student who attends Blessed Sacrament Parish School.

**BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH SCHOOL
IN-SCHOOL INTERNET USE AGREEMENT**

Student's Name _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Student's Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____ (month, day, year)

After reading the Acceptable Use Policy for In-School Use of the Internet, please read and fill in the appropriate portions of the following contract completely and legibly. The signature of a parent or guardian is required for students under the age of eighteen. Please return the signed document to Blessed Sacrament Parish School office. A separate completed, signed form is necessary for every student in the same family attending Blessed Sacrament.

PARENT OR GUARDIAN As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read and agree to the terms of the Acceptable Use Policy for In-School Use of the Internet. I understand that this access is designed for educational purposes, and the student named on this document is expected to use the resources according to the specified guidelines. I have discussed these guidelines with my student and believe he or she has an understanding of them. I also recognize that it is impossible for Blessed Sacrament Parish School to control information available to students through the Internet, and I will not hold Blessed Sacrament Parish School or any of the school's employees responsible for materials this student may acquire on the network. I hereby give my permission for the student named above to use the Internet at school.

Parent or Guardian's Name _____
(please print)
Signature _____ Date _____ / _____ / _____

As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read and **DO NOT** agree to the terms of the Acceptable Use Policy for In-School Use of the Internet. Therefore, my child **DOES NOT HAVE MY PERMISSION TO USE THE INTERNET WHEN AT SCHOOL.**

Parent or Guardian's Name _____
(please print)
Signature _____ Date _____ / _____ / _____

STUDENT I have discussed with my parent or guardian the information in this document and have read, if capable of doing so, the Acceptable Use Policy for Blessed Sacrament Parish School. I understand why the Internet is available to me at school, and I agree to abide by the rules stated in the policy. I also understand I must follow school rules when I use the computers. I know that if I fail to follow the rules, I may not be permitted to use the Internet, and school disciplinary action may be taken.

Student's Name _____
(please print)
Student's Signature _____ Date _____ / _____ / _____