

St. James School - Sewickley

Acceptable Internet Use Policy for Students

St. James School provides access to the Internet for all students and faculty. Students must have permission from at least one of their parents or guardians to access the Internet at school.

The use of the Internet is a privilege not a right and inappropriate use will result in the cancellation of those privileges and/or disciplinary action by St. James Administration. A student's activities while using the Internet in this school must be in support of education and research and consistent with the educational objectives of the school. In addition, a student accessing the Internet from a school site is responsible for all online activities.

The use of the school's resources to access, transfer, or save information which is contrary to the mission of St. James School is inappropriate.

I agree that the following actions (which are not inclusive) constitute unacceptable use of the Internet, whether that use is initiated from school or any other site:

- * Using impolite, abusive, or otherwise objectionable language in either public or private messages;
- * Placing unlawful information on the Internet;
- * Using the Internet illegally in ways that violate federal, state, or local laws or statutes;
- * Sending messages that are likely to result in the loss of the recipient's work or systems;
- * Sending chain letters or pyramid schemes to lists or individuals, and any other types of use which would cause congestion of the Internet or otherwise interfere with the work of others;
- * Using the Internet for political lobbying;
- * Changing any computer file that does not belong to the user;
- * Sending or receiving copyrighted materials without permission;
- * Using another person's password;
- * Using Internet access for sending or retrieving pornographic material, inappropriate text files, or files dangerous to the integrity of the network;
- * Circumventing security measures on school or remote computers or networks;
- * Attempting to gain access to another's resources, programs, or data;
- * Vandalizing, which is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy data of another user on the Internet, and includes the uploading or creation of computer viruses;
- * Falsifying one's identity to others while using the Internet;
- * Changing any computer files that do not belong to the user.

Student's Agreement

I have read the policy on Acceptable Use of Information Systems at St. James School and I understand fully and agree to abide by the principles and guidelines it contains. In addition, I have read and agree to refrain from those actions listed above, which are considered unacceptable to the proper use of Internet resources.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent's Agreement

As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read the Acceptable Use Policy for Internet Access as outlined above, as well as the Acceptable Use of Information Systems at St. James School. I understand that this access is designed for educational purposes. I also recognize that the employees of the school may not be able to restrict access to all controversial materials on the Internet. I will not hold them responsible for materials my son or daughter acquires as a result of the use of the Internet from school facilities. I accept full responsibility for supervision if and when my child's use of the Internet is conducted outside the school setting. I hereby give my permission to St. James School to permit my child to access the Internet on equipment provided on the school site.

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____

Date: _____