



St. John Vianney Catholic School

School Policy on Internet Usage

It is important to have high-speed access to the Global World. Internet provides us with quick and useful information through a number of specific web sites. Our school has accessible links to the Internet. We as a school will only associate this as a learning tool with links only to sites that complement our Catholic values and beliefs. Hence, administration, teachers, staff, and students at St. John Vianney Catholic School will be trained how to avoid web sites that conflict with our values and beliefs. We have developed a policy for appropriate use of this technology.

Policy

All electronic communications to or from St. John Vianney Catholic School shall reflect the same Catholic-Christian values upon which this school was founded, in support of our education goals.

Rationale

Our goal in providing these services to the St. John Vianney Catholic School Family is to give our students an opportunity to communicate and discover a global world of academic and technological opportunities at their disposal.

Internet is a vast network of computers that are linked worldwide to one another. The staff and students at St. John Vianney Catholic School have access to sites put on the Internet, such as the Nashville Zoo, Nashville Libraries, State Universities, libraries across the nation, NASA, and many sites related to the subjects taught in our school. Some materials however are of a questionable nature, and some are downright offensive and completely unacceptable in a civilized society. At St. John Vianney Catholic School, all students will be under direct and strict supervision while they are accessing the Internet. Access to those questionable sites is strictly prohibited by anyone in the St. John Vianney Catholic School family. All students and staff will be trained how to use the Internet to advance the academic goals of this school. The use of the Internet is a privilege; brought about by the tremendous generosity of many people who believe in the immense value it can provide our school. It is not a right.

The principal and system administrator will deem what is appropriate or not. That decision will be final. Access to a computer can be taken away from a student at any time. Parents may also request their child(ren) not be granted access to the Internet as well. Finally, information gathered for class assignments is to be cited properly as a student would cite a book in a report. Any information copied from an Internet site for personal use without citing the source will be considered plagiarism, which is a crime.

Currently there is no charge to use the Internet. When the system is completely ready, each student in grade 6-8 will be given a log-in name and password to access their computer files from any computer in the school.

Standards of Behavior for Internet Use

1. Teachers using the Internet with their students will provide students with a list of Internet sites pertinent to any given assignment.
2. Staff and students will use their computers for activities that coincide with our Catholic values and beliefs.
3. Students who are found to be non-compliant with school policies will be subject to disciplinary action, which can consist of, but not limited to:
 - a. Suspension from school pending parent conference and
 - b. Loss of access to school-provided computers until the end of the semester.
4. Security problems or questions will be brought to the immediate attention of the teacher and or system administrator. Users may not demonstrate or show the problems to others. Users may not use other accounts.
5. Unacceptable Internet use will consist of, but not limited to, the following:
 - a. Users shall not reveal their personal home address, phone number, or personal information about anyone else through Internet or e-mail.
 - b. Vandalism of any kind with regard to the computers, laptops or iPads will result in loss of all privileges and further discipline according to school policy. Vandalism in this sense is defined as the malicious attempt to harm or destroy data of another user. Internet, or making equipment or software alterations, as well as uploading or creating computer viruses. No software of any kind can be brought from home for use in a school computer, as it is not properly licensed for school use.
 - c. Students may not create home pages for directories on school computers. Also students can not create these at home to be accessed from a school computer. Any publishing will be done under the direct supervision of the teacher or administrators.
6. Computer-game playing that is not educational (not just limited to Solitaire).
7. Chat-rooms
8. E-mail not authorized by the administrator or teacher/staff.
9. Transmitting, accessing, printing, downloading, or uploading any material which might be deemed abusive, hateful, degrading, demeaning, derogatory, or defamatory.
10. Transmitting, accessing, printing, downloading, or uploading any material which might be deemed pornographic, obscene, sexually explicit, indecent, or vulgar.
11. Transmission of any material in violation of United States or state regulation is prohibited. This includes but is not limited to: copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material, or material protected by trade secret.
12. Transmission of commercial information, advertising, or political lobbying is strictly prohibited.
13. Use of the account by anyone other than staff or students or authorized persons is prohibited. The contract that follows is to be signed by all parties concerned, and will be filed in the school office prior to any use. The signers should keep the policy, rationale, and standards, for future reference.