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## **Procedure for Internet Access**

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St. Michael Catholic School provides access to the internet for all students, faculty, and staff. Students must have permission from at least one of their parents/guardians to access the Internet at school.

Any use of the Internet at St. Michael Catholic School must comply with the philosophy and rules of discipline already in place as outlined in the Family Handbook. The use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in disciplinary action by school officials and/or the cancellation of those privileges.

Each user who is provided access to Internet and related technologies will participate in a discussion with assigned staff persons concerning proper use of the network. Students' activities while using the Internet in this school must be in support of education and research, and consistent with the educational objectives of St. Michael Catholic School. Such constitutes "acceptable use" under this policy. In addition, students accessing the Internet from a school site are responsible for all online activities that take place through the use of the access line. Students are required to have teacher supervision when accessing information.

Actions which constitute "unacceptable use" and, therefore, violate this policy, include by the way of illustration, but will not be limited to the following:

1. Using impolite, abusive, or otherwise objectionable language in messages;
2. Placing unlawful information on the Internet;
3. Using the Internet illegally in ways that violate federal, international, state or local laws or treaties;
4. Using the Internet at school for non-school related activities;
5. Sending messages or data that are likely to result in the loss of the recipient's work, data, and/or hardware or software;
6. Sending chain letters, flame letters, etc., or pyramid schemes to lists or individuals, and any other types of use that would cause congestion of the Internet or otherwise interfere with the work of others;
7. Using the Internet for advertising or commercial purposes;
8. Using the Internet for political lobbying;
9. Sending or receiving copyrighted materials or materials protected by trade secret without owner's permission;
10. Knowingly giving one's (school's) password to others;
11. Using another person's password;
12. Using Internet access for sending or retrieving pornographic, threatening or violent material, such as information on bombs, and/or inappropriate text files, or files dangerous to the integrity of the network;

13. Circumventing security measures on school or remote computers or networks;
14. Attempting to gain improper access to another's resources, programs, or data, or copy of most current Diocesan Policy Book;
15. Vandalizing, which includes any malicious attempt to harm or destroy data of another user on the Internet, including the uploading or creation of computer viruses;
16. Revealing one's name address, phone number, or and personal information, to any person or identity on the system (with a requirement to immediately disconnect and inform a faculty member should anyone request this information of you);
17. Falsifying one's identity to others while using the Internet; and/or
18. Changing any computer fields that do not belong to the user.

It is understood that any email received through the online access at the school will not be considered private and will be read by a staff member. No student should solicit email personally. Parents will not send emails to individual students. Any messages that are inappropriate will be reported. Use of information obtained via the Internet and related technologies are at the user's risk. The education programs governed by the school specifically deny any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained and makes no warranty with respect to thereto or costs incurred thereby.

All students who will be using the Internet at St. Michael School and at least one of the parents/guardians of each shall sign and return a form in substantially the following format before the student is allowed to participate in the services.

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**St. Michael Catholic School Internet Use Agreement**

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I have read the Procedure on Internet Access for St. Michael Catholic School and I fully understand and agree to abide by the principles and guidelines contained therein.

As the student, I agree that should I encounter or become aware of any misuse of Internet access, I will immediately inform the Principal, teacher, or staff member about same. Should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked, school disciplinary action and/or appropriate legal action taken.

As the parent/guardian, I hereby give my permission for my child to access the Internet at school with the supervision of the faculty and/or staff. In addition, I agree that I have read and shall refrain from those actions referred to in the procedure which are considered unacceptable to the proper use of Internet resources. Further, I accept full responsibility for supervision if and when my child's use is not in a school setting.

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Student's Name ( please print)

Student's Signature

Date

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Parent's Name (please print)

Parent's Signature

Date