



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

INTERNET ACCESS AND USE POLICY

As part of HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL's commitment to the utilization of modern technology, all of our students have access to the internet. Internet access is provided to enhance each student's ability to further the goals of the School mission.

The equipment, software and network capacities provided through the School computer services are and remain the property of the School. All users are expected to conduct his/her on-line activities in an ethical manner consistent with the moral teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. The use of these resources is a privilege and not a right. Access and use of the Internet in a manner contrary to the moral teachings of the Church will result in the immediate loss of the privilege to access and use the Internet, and may result in termination of rights to the school internet and/or equipment.

Inappropriate or unacceptable use(s) of the Internet includes, but is not limited to, violations of state or federal law, the rules of network etiquette, or threatening the integrity or security of any network connected the Internet. In order to ensure compliance with the law, and to protect the School and each student, the following is effective immediately:

1. Access to the Internet is limited to work required/assigned by the instructor. Students using the School's name or accounts are acting as representatives of the School. As such, students should act so as not to damage the reputation of the School.
2. Students are prohibited from accessing the Internet for personal use. Use of the Internet for personal financial or commercial gain, product advertisement, political lobbying or the sending of unsolicited junk mail or chain letters is prohibited.
3. The introduction of viruses, or malicious tampering with any computer system, is expressly prohibited. Any such activity will result in immediate termination of rights to use the School internet and/or equipment. Files, which are downloaded from the Internet, must be scanned with virus detection software before installation or execution. All appropriate precautions should be taken to detect for a virus and, if necessary, to prevent its spread.
4. The transmission of any material in violation of any state or federal law, including, but not limited to, pornographic or obscene material, threatening or harassing messages, copyrighted material, or material protected by trade secret is prohibited.
5. The display or transmission of messages, images, cartoon or the transmission or use of E-mail or other computer messages that are sexually explicit is prohibited.

6. Students shall not place School material on any publicly accessible Internet computer. The Head of School through Computer Services must approve all postings to the School web page.
7. Alternate Internet Service Provider connections to the School internal network are not permitted.
8. The Internet does not guarantee the privacy and confidentiality of information. Sensitive material transferred over the Internet may be at risk of detection by a third party.
9. Unless otherwise noted, all software on the Internet should be considered copyrighted work; therefore, students are prohibited from downloading software and/or modifying any such files without permission from the copyright holder. Any infringing activity by the student may be the responsibility of the organization; therefore, the School reserves the option to hold students liable for their actions.
10. The School reserves the right to inspect a student's computer system for violations of this policy. Any information contained on a School computer hard drive provided by the School is considered property of the School.

I HAVE READ HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL INTERNET ACCESS AND USE POLICY AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY IT AS CONSIDERATION OF MY CHILD'S CONTINUED EDUCATION AT THE SCHOOL. I UNDERSTAND THAT ANY VIOLATION OF ANY OF THE ABOVE PROVISIONS OF THIS POLICY WILL RESULT IN THE IMMEDIATE LOSS OF MY CHILD'S ACCESS TO THE SCHOOL'S INTERNET AND/OR EQUIPMENT.

STUDENT NAME

STUDENT SIGNATURE

PARENT NAME

PARENT SIGNATURE

Date