



## Student Computer and Internet Use Policy

The use of technology in school affords our teachers the opportunity to enhance and grow the necessary skills our students will need to become successful and responsible adults. These skills include global awareness; creativity and innovation; critical thinking and problem solving; and communication and collaboration. The use of technology provides unique opportunities to explore and develop these skills.

These rules provide general guidelines and examples of acceptable and prohibited computer and Internet use but do not attempt to state all required or prohibited activities. Failure to comply with the Ave Maria Academy Student Computer and Internet Use Policy may result in loss of computer and internet privileges and/or disciplinary action.

- A. Privileges: The use of the school's network is a privilege, not a right. Inappropriate use may result in cancellation of those privileges. Administrators will deem what is appropriate use and may revoke a student's Internet access at any time.
- B. Acceptable Use: Student access to the school's computers and network are for educational use and research purposes in line with the school's mission, curriculum, and instructional goals.
- C. Prohibited Use: Students are responsible for his/her actions and activities on school computers and network as well as accounts and passwords. Examples of inappropriate use include:
  - a. Accessing or posting inappropriate materials that are defamatory, abusive, obscene, vulgar, sexually explicit, threatening, discriminatory, and/or illegal.
  - b. Violating Copyrights – Copying or downloading copyrighted material without the owner's permission.
  - c. Plagiarism – Credit must be given to the appropriate source when submitting your work.
  - d. Downloading Files – Permission must be given by the administrator to download software.
  - e. Non-School Related Uses – Including private financial gain, solicitation, or advertising.
  - f. Misuse of Passwords/Unauthorized Access – Students should not share passwords or attempt to access another user's account without permission.

- g. Malicious Use/Vandalism – This may include, but is not limited, to hacking and creation/uploading of computer viruses.
- h. Unauthorized access to social networking and chat rooms.

D. Privacy – Ave Maria Academy reserves the right to monitor all computer and Internet activity by students.

E. Losses, Costs, and Damages – The student and/or his/her parent/guardian will assume responsibility for all losses, costs, or damages caused by the student in relation to the violation of this policy.

Student Agreement – 2020/2021

I have read and understand the Student Computer and Internet Use Policy for Ave Maria Academy and will abide by the state guidelines. By signing this form, I further understand that any violation of these regulations could result in access privileges being denied, school disciplinary action and/or appropriate legal action being taken.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Agreement:

As a parent or guardian of this student, I have read the Student Computer and Internet Use Policy for Ave Maria Academy. I understand that this access is designed for educational purposes and Ave Maria Academy has taken available precaution to eliminate access to controversial and inappropriate materials. However, I also recognize it is impossible to restrict or eliminate all controversial materials and will not hold the school responsible for materials acquired on the network. By signing below, I have reviewed these responsibilities with my child and give my permission for Internet access.

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_