

ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

St. Paul Catholic School (known as SPCS) has implemented a technology program which will be used to promote educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation and communication. The term technology program includes computer systems encompassing, but limited to, hardware, software, data, communication lines and devices, terminals, printers, CD-ROM devices, tape drives, servers, mainframe and personal computers, the internet and other internal or external networks.

All use of the SPCS's Technology Program must be (1) in support of education and/or research, or (2) for legitimate school business. Use of the Technology Program is a privilege, not a right. Any communication or material used for and/or with the program, including electronic mail or other files deleted from a user's account may be monitored or read by school officials.

The SPCS Principal shall establish administrative rules and procedures containing the appropriate uses, ethics and protocol for the Technology Program. The procedures shall include:

- 1) a prohibition against use by school employees and students of the school's computer equipment and communications program for sending, receiving, viewing or downloading illegal material via the internet;
- 2) provisions, including the selection and operation of a technology protection measure for the school's computers having internet access to filter or block internet access through such computers, that seek to prevent access to:
 - a) child pornography as set out in FL Statute Section 847.0137 or as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 2256;
 - b) obscenity as defined by FL Statute Section 847.0133 or 18 U.S.C. § 1460;
 - c) cyber-crime as defined by FL Statute Section 815.16;
 - d) cyber-bullying as defined by FL Statute Section 1006.147C
 - e) material that the school deems to be harmful to juveniles as defined in FL Statute Section 847.0138, material that is harmful to minors as defined in 47 U.S.C. § 254(h)(7)(G), and material that is otherwise inappropriate for minors;
- 3) provisions establishing that the technology protection measure is enforced during any use of the School's computers by minors;
- 4) provisions establishing that the online activities of minors will be monitored;
- 5) provisions designed to protect the safety and security of minors when using electronic mail, chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communications;
- 6) provisions designed to prevent unauthorized online access by minors, including "hacking" and other unlawful activities by minors online; and
- 7) provisions prohibiting the unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal information regarding minors.

Use of the School's Technology Program shall be consistent with the educational or instructional mission or administrative function of the School as well as the varied instructional needs, learning styles, abilities and developmental levels of students. The School's Technology Program is not a public forum.

Each teacher, administrator, student and parent/guardian of each student shall sign the SPCS Technology Program Acceptable Use Agreement before using the School's Technology Program. The failure of any student, teacher or administrator to follow the terms of the Agreement, this policy or accompanying regulation may result in loss of Technology Program privileges, disciplinary action, and/or appropriate legal action. Additionally, each middle school student and his/her parent/guardian must sign the Chromebook Contract before a Chromebook is assigned to him/her.

The SPCS Principal shall be responsible for overseeing the implementation of this Policy and the accompanying Agreement and Contract. S/he is also responsible for advising the School Advisory Council (SAC) of the need for future amendments or revisions to the policy/rules. The SPCS Principal may develop additional administrative procedures/rules governing the day-to-day management and operations of the Technology Program. The SPCS Principal may delegate specific responsibilities to school personnel and others as s/he deems appropriate.

Annually, the SPCS Principal shall include this Policy and accompanying Agreement and Contract in the SPCS Parent/Student Handbook.

Adopted: August 15, 2013

Legal Refs: Florida Statutes, 2012, as amended, §§ 847.0137, 847.0133, 815.16, 1006.147C, and 847.0138.

18 U.S.C. §§ 1460, 2256. and 47 U.S.C. § 254.