



Most Precious Blood Catholic School
Technology Acceptable Use Policy
2013-2014

The document that follows is Most Precious Blood Catholic School's statement regarding appropriate rules for using the Internet at school. Please read the following carefully, as a family, before signing the attached agreement.

Most Precious Blood Catholic School offers Internet access to your child in the school setting; therefore, it is incumbent upon the school's administration to issue a policy statement and require express parental or guardian permission for their student's use of the Internet at school. Access to the Internet offers vast, diverse, and unique resources that can promote educational opportunities to students as well as school personnel. However, as with all privileges, there are attendant responsibilities and expectations.

The Internet is an electronic highway connecting thousands of computers all over the world which can give students and teachers access to a variety of rich, educational resources. The World Wide Web, a portion of the Internet that your student can use, includes some information specifically designed for children, up-to-the-minute scientific information, Supreme Court documents, and other information that is traditionally difficult to obtain in the school environment.

Educational value of appropriate information on the Internet is substantial. The Internet is composed of information provided by institutions and people all over the world and thus, also includes material that is not of educational value in the context of the Catholic school setting. There is information which may be judged as inaccurate, abusive, profane, sexually oriented or illegal. The use of this material is not condoned and will not be tolerated. Most Precious Blood Catholic School has taken precautions to monitor all Internet activity. Responsible use of the Internet by all students is required at all times.

Internet access is available on computers, iPads, and iPods that are in highly visible areas of the school such as computer labs, classrooms and library

areas. However, parents and guardians must be aware that direct supervision by school personnel may not always be possible. Thus, students are expected to use the resources in a manner consistent with school policy and this Acceptable Use Policy. Every student will be held responsible for the appropriate use of the Internet resources available while at school.

Use of Most Precious Blood School's Internet connection is a privilege, not a right. Inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges. Before using the Internet, every student will learn about proper use of network, become familiar with netiquette, and become familiar with the Acceptable Use Policy for MPB.

Proper and acceptable use of the Internet must be in support of education and academic research and consistent with the mission statement and belief statements of Most Precious Blood Catholic School.

Responsible Electronic Use Guidelines for Students

I have access to the Internet, school networks and electronic devices so I can...

- expand my learning
- communicate with others about what I am learning
- research topics for class projects or for my personal learning
- create products highlighting my learning
- learn how to be a responsible and productive digital citizen

Here are some things I need to know:

- Electronic devices include but are not limited to computers, netbooks, iPads, iPods, tablets, cell phones, cameras, and other electronic devices that allow me to create and communicate.
- I am responsible for all my online activities that take place through the network connection with my school's devices or through access with my own personal electronic devices.
- I am responsible for obeying all laws, including copyright. This also means I may not use the school logo or other school-owned content on my personal posts.
- I do not have the right of privacy when accessing the Internet or network while at school.
- Communicating electronically includes using my camera and cell phone to communicate visually.
- When communicating electronically, I should ask myself: Is it safe? Is it kind? Is it respectful? Is it appropriate?
- I do not have an absolute right to take, publish/post photographs or videos of others at school, as it may impact their individual rights of privacy.

- Bullying or harassing someone either in person or electronically is wrong, violates the Code of Student Conduct, and is against the law.
- Information I find on the Internet is not necessarily true or accurate.
- There are filters to prevent access to inappropriate information, but no filter is perfect. I must protect myself by knowing how to close a window or click on the back button.
- I can learn more about being a responsible digital citizen at <http://www.safeflorida.net/safesurf>
- Unacceptable use may also include online activities occurring outside the school that may carry over into the school environment (defamation, threats, harassment, etc.)

Here's what I agree to do as a responsible and productive digital citizen:

- I will follow all school rules and laws when using electronic devices at school.
- I will not damage equipment, upload harmful files, damage files, delete files, or access someone else's files because it impacts others.
- I will keep my password to myself and will not share it with others .
- I will not search for or try to access obscene, harmful, or inappropriate material.
- If I accidentally access inappropriate materials, I will close the window immediately and tell a responsible adult.
- I will not post or send hurtful, offensive or inappropriate material.
- I will behave honestly, fairly, and with integrity when posting online, including my social networks.
- I will follow rules of network etiquette, and I will be polite when communicating with others electronically. I will not use bad language or access messages from others who use bad language.
- I will not post or share pictures of others without their knowledge and approval.
- I will stay safe and will never meet or give out personal information such as my name, phone number, or address to someone I meet on the Internet without the express permission of my parents and/or teachers.
- I will discuss my online activities with my parents so they understand how I am learning to be a good digital citizen.
- My teachers and administrators have the right to access whatever I do online while in school if they are concerned about my safety or the safety of others.
- I will not use others' work without permission or without citing their work according to copyright laws.
- If I'm not sure how to do something or whether something is okay to access or do, I will ask a responsible adult.
- I will not post private information about another person or repost a message without permission of the sending person.

What happens if I violate this agreement and am not a responsible digital citizen?

- Violations of this agreement will result in disciplinary action. Parent and student signatures on the attached agreement are legally binding and the parties who have signed have read the terms and conditions carefully and understand their significance.



Most Precious Blood Catholic School
Technology Acceptable Use Agreement

Family Name

The Technology Acceptable Use Policy as well as the following statement must be read and explained in appropriate terms to a student if he or shes is too young and/or unable to read and understand it.

I have received training on appropriate use of technology and the Internet, and I have received, understand and will abide by the Technology Acceptable Use Policy.

Student 1 Signature _____ Homeroom _____
Date _____

Student 2 Signature _____ Homeroom _____ Date _____

Student 3 Signature _____ Homeroom _____ Date _____

Student 4 Signature _____ Homeroom _____
Date _____

The following is required of all parent(s)/guardian(s) who wish to allow technology and Internet access for their child(ren):

I have read the Technology Acceptable Use Policy and this Authorization for Technology and Internet Access and understand and agree to the terms of this Policy and Authorization. I understand that Internet access is intended for educational purposes and that the

*Archdiocese and school prohibit the access of inappropriate materials and have filters and/or other software in place to keep some/most inappropriate material away from users, but that it is impossible for the Archdiocese and school to restrict access to all controversial and inappropriate materials. I will hold harmless the Archdiocese, school, their employees and/or agents from any harm caused by material or software obtained or observed by my child via the Internet. I hereby affirm my child's obligations pursuant to that Policy and this Authorization and accept all responsibilities and/or liabilities arising from my child's compliance or non-compliance with this Policy and/or use of the Internet. I have discussed the terms of this Policy and Authorization with my child, and **I hereby request that my child be allowed access to technology and the Internet at school.***

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Parent/Guardian Signature print)	Date	Family Name (please print)

***Please return this school to school asap. It should be returned to the teacher of the youngest child.