

Diocese of Allentown
St. Ignatius Loyola Regional School
Acceptable Use Policy for Computing and Internet Access

The following is a summary of the Acceptable Use Policy for Computing and Internet Access at St. Ignatius Loyola Regional School. The complete policy may be found online at the school website (www.stignatiusvikings.org) or in the school office.

The Computer Teacher will provide age-appropriate training for students who use the school Internet facilities with regard to safety on the Internet, cyberbullying awareness and response, and appropriate computer behavior. All student users must abide by the terms of all software licensing agreements and copyright laws. (All communications and information accessible via the network should be considered to be private property.) **A USER WILL BE MONITORED AT ALL TIMES.** Violation of the following will result in the user being barred from using the computer.

- a. Any unauthorized, deliberate action which damages or disrupts a computing system, alters its normal performance, or causes it to malfunction is a violation, regardless of system location or time duration.
- b. Copying programs to or from St. Ignatius Loyola Regional School computers and/or network systems, without the express, written consent of the school.
- c. Abusing computer equipment.
- d. The willful introduction of computer “viruses” or other disruptive or destructive programs into the computer and/or network, or into external computers and/or networks.
- e. Vandalism is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, any attempt to harm or destroy the data of another user, the network/Internet, or any networks or sites connected to the network/Internet. Attempts to breach security codes and/or passwords will also be considered a form of vandalism. **A student may only change his or her password by consulting Miss Bayerle.**

- f. Sending harassing, obscene and/or other threatening communications electronically, otherwise known as "Cyberbullying", is prohibited.

Internet Access-Terms and Conditions

The purpose of accessing the Internet is to support research and education in and among academic institutions by providing access to unique resources and the opportunity for collaborative work. All use of the Internet must be in support of education and research, and consistent with the educational objectives of St. Ignatius Loyola Regional School. Each user is personally responsible for this provision at all times when using the network.

The use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in the cancellation of those privileges. All users must use appropriate language at all times.

Because use of the Internet will be in support of education and research, and consistent with the educational objectives of St. Ignatius Loyola Regional School, the Internet will not be used by students for email, chat rooms, shopping, or any other commercial activities or product advertisement. However, students will be educated about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and chat rooms; cyberbullying awareness and response will also be covered.

With access to computers and people all over the world also comes the availability of material that may not be considered to be of educational value in the school setting. St. Ignatius Loyola Regional School has taken precautions, which are limited to known sites, to restrict access to controversial materials. A filtering system has been installed to prevent access to questionable sites. However, on a global network it is impossible to control all materials and an industrious user may discover controversial information. St. Ignatius Loyola Regional School and the Diocese of Allentown firmly believe that the valuable information and interaction available on this worldwide network far outweighs the possibility that users may procure material that is not consistent with the educational goals of this Project.

St. Ignatius Loyola Regional School makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. St. Ignatius Loyola Regional School and the Diocese of Allentown will not be responsible for any damages you may suffer. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, misdeliveries, or service interruptions caused by the system or your errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via the system is at your own risk. St. Ignatius Loyola Regional School denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its services.

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Agreement for the Use of Computers and Telecommunications *Parental Consent Form*

St. Ignatius Loyola Regional School has chosen to permit student access to computer and telecommunication resources to further its educational goals and objectives. Reasonable care has been taken to assure the appropriateness and educational quality of the material available through the use of educational software and telecommunications. However, parents and guardians are warned that St. Ignatius Loyola Regional School and the Diocese of Allentown do not have total control of the information on the Internet. Parents and guardians are the primary authority responsible for imparting the standards of ethical and legal conduct their child or ward should follow. Therefore, St. Ignatius Loyola Regional School supports and respects each family's right to decide whether or not their child may have access to this resource.

I am the parent/guardian of the below named student. I have read the Acceptable Use Policy for Computers and Telecommunications ("the policy") and I have either explained it to my child/ward ("student") or I have assured myself that the student understands it. I also understand my own and the student's responsibilities regarding computer hardware, software, and Internet access at St. Ignatius Loyola Regional School.

Check one:

I hereby consent to my child having access to, and use of, the Internet at St. Ignatius Loyola Regional School, as described in the above contract. Access will be limited to structured class time or for research purposes. I also hereby indemnify and hold harmless The Diocese of Allentown and St. Ignatius Loyola Regional School from any claim or loss resulting from any infraction by the student of the policy or any applicable law.

Though an integral component of the St. Ignatius Loyola Regional School curriculum, I do not give permission for my child to access the Internet.

Parent's/Guardian's Signature

Date

Name of Parent/Guardian (Please Print)

Name of Student (Please Print)

Grade

Street Address

City/State/Zip

Home Phone

Office Phone

(over)

*****Please complete this form for students in
grades 5-8.*****

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Student Form

I have read the Acceptable Use Policy for Computers and Telecommunications, I understand its significance, and I agree to voluntarily abide with all terms and conditions of it. I further understand that violation of this agreement would be unethical and might even constitute a criminal offense. Should I chose to violate this agreement, my privileges will be revoked, and disciplinary action, and/or appropriate legal action may be taken.

Student Signature

Date

Name of Student (Please Print)

Name of Parent/Guardian (Please Print)