

ST. PIUS X HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY-MEDIA CENTER COMPUTER RESOURCE/INTERNET POLICY

We are pleased to offer to our students access to the computer network resources. To access these resources and the Internet, all students must obtain parental permission and must sign and return this form.

Access to the Internet and the resources of the Kansas City Public Library--Library Services Program (KC-LSP) enables students to explore many electronic resources. The SPX Library-Media Center teaches information literacy and online safety and research. However, some materials accessible via the Internet may be illegal, defamatory, inaccurate or potentially offensive to some people. While Internet access is intended to further educational objectives, students may find ways to access materials inconsistent with these objectives. We believe that the benefits to students from access to the Internet, in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration, outweigh the disadvantages. Ultimately, parents and guardians are responsible for setting, conveying, and enforcing the standards that children should follow when accessing information sources. To that end, we support and respect each family's right to decide whether or not to permit electronic access to their children.

- Student access to personal email accounts is allowed only with a teacher's permission.
- Students are responsible for good behavior on school computer networks. Communications on the network should be treated always as public in nature.
- It is presumed that users will comply with school standards and will honor the agreements they have signed. Beyond the clarifications of such standards, the school is not responsible for restricting, monitoring or controlling the behaviors of individuals utilizing the network.
- Network storage areas may be treated like school lockers. Network administrators may review files and communications to maintain system integrity and ensure that users are using the system responsibly. Users should not expect files stored on school servers to be private.

As outlined in Diocesan policy and procedures, the following are not permitted:

- Sending or displaying offensive messages or pictures
- Using obscene language
- Harassing, insulting or attacking others
- Violating copyright laws
- Using other's passwords
- Trespassing in others' folders, works or files
- Intentionally wasting limited resources
- Employing the network for commercial purposes.

The use of the network and the Internet is a privilege, not a right. Inappropriate use, including any violation of these conditions and rules, may result in cancellation of the privilege. St. Pius X High School, under this agreement, is delegated the authority to determine appropriate use and may deny, revoke, suspend or close any user account at any time based upon a determination of inappropriate use by account holder. In addition, other disciplinary or legal action may be taken.

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- If a student willfully damages the network or an individual workstation, the student and/or family will be financially responsible.
- If a student accesses or imports off of the network pornographic or other inappropriate material, the student will be suspended from school for one day; a second incident will result in two days of suspension from school, and loss of network privileges.
- Violation of copyright laws is prohibited and will be handled according to the plagiarism policy outlined in the student handbook.
- The discipline board will handle repeated incidents of any of the above with expulsion being an option.

USER AGREEMENT AND PARENT PERMISSION FORM

As a user of the St. Pius X computer network, I hereby agree to comply with the above stated rules of acceptable use. As a library user and allowed access to KC-LSP resources, I furthermore agree to comply with the KC-LSP acceptable use policy and to take care of materials checked out and pay any fines or damages that occur.

(Student signature)

(Date of birth)

(Print student name)

As the parent or legal guardian of the student above, I grant permission for my student to use network resources and access the Internet. I understand that individuals and families may be held liable for violations. I accept responsibility for guidance of Internet use – setting and conveying standards for my student to follow when selecting, sharing or exploring information media.

(Parent signature)

(Date)

(Street address)

(City, State, Zip)

(Home phone)

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