

**DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN**  
**ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA REGIONAL SCHOOL**  
**ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY**  
For  
**USE OF THE COMPUTERS, NETWORK, INTERNET,**  
**ELECTRONIC INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Please read the following carefully before signing this document. This is a legally binding document.

**SECTION ONE: GENERAL, COMPUTING POLICY**

**Overview**

Computers, handheld devices, network, Internet, electronic communications and information systems (collectively "CIS systems") provide vast, diverse and unique resources. Access to the School's electronic communication systems and network is granted to responsible users for educational purposes, and terms of use are outlined in this document. This access includes Internet access, whether wired or wireless, or by any other means.

**1) Acceptable Use**

In order to ensure smooth system operations, the system administrator has the authority to monitor all accounts. A user must abide by the terms of all software licensing agreements and copyright laws. A user can be monitored at any time. Once a user receives a user ID to be used to access a computer or network and computer systems on that network, he or she is solely responsible for all actions taken while using the user ID. Therefore the following are prohibited:

- a) Applying for a user ID under false pretenses
- b) Sharing your user ID with any other person. (If you do share your user ID with another person, you will be solely responsible for the actions of that other person)
- c) Deletion, examination, copying, or modification of files and/or data belonging to other users without their prior consent
- d) Attempts to evade or change resource quotas
- e) Use of facilities and/or services for commercial purposes
- f) 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
- g) Copying programs purchased by you onto St. Ignatius Loyola Regional School computers and/or the network systems, without the express, written consent of the school.
- h) Copying programs licensed to St. Ignatius Loyola Regional School for personal use.
- i) Abusing and disrupting electronic equipment and/or systems.

**2) Security**

As a user of a computer or network, you may be allowed to access other networks and/or computer systems attached to those networks. Therefore the following are prohibited:

- a) Use of systems and/or networks in attempts to gain unauthorized access to remote systems
- b) Decryption of system or user passwords

- c) Copying, deleting, or moving system files
- d) Deleting, examining, copying, or modifying files and/or data belonging to other users
- e) Copying of copyrighted materials, such as third-party software, without the express written permission of the owner or the proper license
- f) 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
- g) 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.
- h) Willful destruction of computer hardware or software, or attempts to exceed or modify the parameters of the system are prohibited. Nothing in this policy shall prohibit the school/institution operator from intercepting and stopping E-mail messages which have the capacity to overload the computer resources. Discipline may be imposed for intentional overloading of school/institution computer resources.

## **SECTION TWO: INTERNET ACCESS**

Internet access is available to employees and students of St. Ignatius Loyola Regional School. This access is being offered as part of a collaborative project involving St. Ignatius Loyola Regional School and Comcast (ISP). We are pleased to bring this access to St. Ignatius Loyola Regional School and believe the Internet offers vast, diverse and unique resources to administrators, teachers, employees, and students. Our goal in providing this service is to promote educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation and communication.

The Internet is an electronic highway connecting thousands of computers all over the world and millions of individual subscribers. 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 help 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. We, St. Ignatius Loyola Regional School, 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.

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.

Internet access is coordinated through a complex association of government agencies, and regional and state networks. In addition, the smooth operation of the network relies upon the proper conduct of the end users who must adhere to strict guidelines. These guidelines are provided here so that you are aware of the responsibilities you are about to acquire. In general, this requires efficient, ethical and legal utilization of the network resources. If a St. Ignatius Loyola Regional School user violates any of these provisions, his or her account will be terminated and future access could possibly be denied. Disciplinary or legal action including, but not limited to, criminal prosecution under appropriate state and federal laws may also be taken. The signature(s) at the end of this document is (are) legally binding and indicates the party (parties) who signed has (have) read the terms and conditions carefully and understand(s) their significance.

## INTERNET ACCESS - TERMS and CONDITIONS

### 1) Acceptable Use

The purpose of accessing the Internet is to support research and education in and among academic institutions in the United States by providing access to unique resources and the opportunity for collaborative work. The use of your account 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. In accordance with CIPA regulations, 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.

- a) Use of other organization's network or computing resources must comply with the rules appropriate for that network.
- b) Transmission of any material in violation of local, state, and/or federal statutes or regulations is strictly prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to: copyrighted material, material protected by trade secret, threatening or obscene material, and criminal activity.
- c) Use by student users for commercial activities or product advertisement (including campaigns for student government/council) is prohibited.
- d) Do not use the network in any way that would disrupt network use by others.
- e) **NEVER** reveal personal information, such as your address, phone number, password, or social security number. This also applies to others' personal information or that of organizations.
- f) Use of the network or computer resources to publicly oppose, degrade, or intentionally misrepresent any teachings, beliefs, or practices of the Catholic Church are strictly prohibited.

### 2) Privileges

The use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges. (Each student who receives an account will be a part of a discussion with a St. Ignatius Loyola Regional School faculty member pertaining to proper use of the network.) The system administrator will deem what is inappropriate use and his or her decision is final. Also, the system administrator may close an account at any time. An administrator, faculty member, or staff of St. Ignatius Loyola Regional School has the right to request, for cause, that the system administrator deny, revoke, or suspend specific user accounts.

### 3) Network Etiquette

You are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette (netiquette). These include, but are not limited, to the following:

- a) Be polite. Do not send, or encourage others to send, abusive messages
- b) Use appropriate language. Remember that you are a representative of your school and district on a non-private network. You may be alone on a computer, but what you say can be viewed around the world. Do not swear, use vulgarities or any other inappropriate language. Illegal activities are strictly forbidden.
- c) All communications and information accessible via the network should be assumed to be private property.

### 4) Electronic Communications

Whenever you send electronic communications, your name and/or userID are included in each message. You are responsible for all electronic messages originating from your userID. Therefore:

- a) Unauthorized attempts to access and/or modify another person's electronic files or electronic communications or to use another's name, E-mail, computer address or workstation to send electronic communications is prohibited and may subject the individual to disciplinary action.
- b) Sending harassing, obscene and/or other threatening communications electronically, otherwise known as "Cyberbullying", is prohibited.
- c) All users must understand that the school/institution cannot guarantee the privacy or confidentiality of electronic documents and any messages that are confidential as a matter of law should not be communicated over the E-mail
- d) The school/institution reserves the right to access electronic communications to retrieve school/institution information and records, to carry out internal investigations, or to disclose messages, data or files to law enforcement authorities.
- e) Any information contained on a school/institution computer's hard drive or computer disks which were purchased by the school/institution are considered the property of the school/institution.
- f) Forgery (or attempted forgery) of electronic mail is prohibited.
- g) Attempts at sending unsolicited junk mail, "for profit" messages or chain letters is prohibited.
- h) The use of cell phones and/or electronic devices by students is prohibited between the hours of 7:30AM and 2:45PM.

## 5) Security

Security on any computer system is a high priority, especially when the system involves many users. Never use another person's account to log on to the system. If you feel you can identify a security problem, you must notify the system administrator, or send an e-mail message to St. Ignatius Loyola Regional School. Do not demonstrate the problem to other users. Do not reveal your account password to anyone. Users are responsible for any misuse of their account that is due to their own negligence. Users are responsible for reporting unauthorized use of their account to the system administrator.

## 6) Updating Your User Information

If any information on your account changes, e.g., telephone number, location, home address, it is your responsibility to notify the system administrator.

## 7) Services

Diocese of Allentown and St. Ignatius Loyola Regional School make 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 specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its services.

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Adopted by ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA REGIONAL SCHOOL, 2700 ST. ALBANS DRIVE, WEST LAWN, PA on JUNE 1, 2011.

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**ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA REGIONAL SCHOOL**  
**Agreement for the Use of**  
**Computers and Telecommunications**  
***Parental Consent Form***

St. Ignatius Loyola Regional School has chosen to permit students 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 thorough 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.

1. 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.

2. 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.

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Parent's/Guardian's signature

Date

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Name of Parent/Guardian (Please Print)

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Name of Student (Please Print)

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Street Address

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City/State/Zip

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Home Phone

Cell Phone

***\*\*\*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.

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Student Signature

Date

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Name of Student (Please Print)

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Name of Parent/Guardian (Please Print)