

Acceptable Use Policy

St. Augustine High School is pleased to offer students access to a computer network for the Internet. To gain access to the Internet, all students must obtain parental permission as verified by the signatures on the form below. Should a parent prefer that a student not have Internet access, use of the computers is still possible for more traditional purposes such as word processing.

What is possible?

Access to the Internet will enable students to explore thousands of libraries, databases, museums, and other repositories of information and to exchange personal communication with other Internet users around the world. Families should be aware that some material accessible via the Internet may contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate, or potentially offensive. While the purposes of the school are to use Internet resources for constructive educational goals, students may find ways to access other materials. We believe that the benefits to students from access to the Internet in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration exceed the disadvantages. Ultimately, parents and guardians of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using media and information sources. Therefore, we support and respect each family's right to decide whether or not to apply for access.

What is expected?

Students are responsible for appropriate behavior on the school's computer network just as they are in a classroom or on the school campus. Communications on the network are often public in nature. General school rules for behavior and communications apply. It is expected that users will comply with school standards and the specific rules set forth below. The use of the network is a privilege, not a right, and may be revoked if abused. The user is personally responsible for his actions in accessing and utilizing the school's computer resources. The students are advised never to access, keep, or send anything that they would not want their parents or teachers to see.

What are the rules?

Privacy: Network storage areas may be treated like school lockers. Network administrators may review communications to maintain system integrity which will insure that students are using the system responsibly.

Storage capacity: Users are expected to remain within allocated disk space and delete other material which take up excessive storage space.

Illegal copying: Students should never download or install any commercial software, shareware, or freeware onto network drives or disks, unless they have written permission from the network administrator. Nor should students copy other people's work or intrude into other people's files.

Inappropriate materials or language: No profane, abusive or impolite language should be used to communicate nor should materials be accessed which are not in line with the rules of school behavior. A good rule to follow is never view, send, or access materials which you would not want your teachers and parents to see. Should students encounter such material by accident, they should report it to their teacher immediately.

Rules of Appropriate Use of the Computer and the Internet

These are guidelines to follow to prevent the loss of network privileges at St. Augustine School.

1. Do not use a computer to harm other people or their work.
2. Do not damage the computer or the network in any way.
3. Do not interfere with the operation of the network by installing illegal software, shareware, or freeware.
4. Do not violate copyright laws.
5. Do not view, send, or display offensive messages or pictures.
6. Do not waste limited resources such as disk space or printing capacity.
7. Do not trespass in other students' folders, work, or files.
8. Do notify an adult immediately, if by accident, you encounter materials which violate the standards of appropriate use.
9. Use the school provided space on the student server appropriately. Misuse will result in a Board of Review, as well detentions, or referrals as determined by staff or administrators.
10. Be prepared to be held accountable for your actions and for the loss of privileges if the Rules of Appropriate Use are violated.

Parent Permission Form and User Agreement

Parents

As a parent or guardian of a student at St. Augustine High School, I have read the above information about the appropriate use of computers and the Internet at the school and I understand this agreement will be kept on file at the school. (Questions should be directed to the Associate Principal for clarification.)

Parents, please check the appropriate box and sign.

- My child may use the Internet at school according to the rules outlined.
 I would prefer that my child not use the Internet while at school.

Parent Name (Print)

Parent Signature

Date

Students

As a user of the school computer network and the Internet, I agree to comply with the above stated rules and to use the network in a constructive manner.

Student Name (Print)

Student Signature

Date

