

## **Most Holy Redeemer School Internet Acceptable Use Policy Permission Form**

Most Holy Redeemer provides access to computers and the Internet to students to enrich the learning environment. Through the Most Holy Redeemer network, students have the opportunity to access the Internet and obtain information from around the world.

Students can collaborate with one another and with persons at other locations. They can find documents that contain pictures and text, and post their own informational items for others to view. The Internet allows people around the world to share information. The ability to communicate electronically with others and to access information is of great value in instruction. Technology resources are provided to students with the sole purpose of improving the instructional climate and to provide new and innovative educational opportunity.

As required by state law, Most Holy Redeemer has in place content filtering that blocks multiple categories of objectionable web content, including violence, nudity, mature sexual content, criminal and illegal activities, gambling, hate and racism. Combined with close supervision by faculty, and education on safe use of the Internet, our students have the opportunity to safely explore a wealth of educational resources available on the Internet. The purpose of this Acceptable Use Policy is to establish guidelines that provide safe and responsible access to resources by all students.

### **Acceptable Use of Technology**

1. Creating reports and presentations and other visual displays of knowledge
2. Using software to improve academic skills
3. Using the Internet to research topics
4. Viewing educational videos and simulations
5. Communicating with others to share information or to acquire expert information on a particular academic topic.
6. Other technology activities that help the student learn, gain and share information that is educational in nature.

**Unacceptable Use of Technology include, but are not limited to:**

1. Deliberate damage to computer equipment, printers, network, etc.
2. Using technology for activities that are not educational, or without the consent of the teacher.
3. Accessing, attempting to access, uploading, downloading or sharing inappropriate material. For example: violence, nudity, mature sexual content, criminal and illegal activities, gambling, hate, racism, etc.
4. Using objectionable, impolite, abusive or profane language, pictures and gestures in any form.
5. Accessing or attempting to access another person's files without the permission of that person.
6. Violation of copyright laws (illegal use/sharing of software or other files).
7. Plagiarism, which is defined as the using of ideas or writings of others and presenting them as if they were original.
8. Falsifying one's identity while on the Internet.
9. Disabling or attempting to disable protective programs on the school network such as virus protection, content blocking, etc.
10. Cyber bullying, which is defined as the use of technology to tease, taunt, hurt, threaten, or be cruel to another individual.

11. Giving out personal information such as name, address, telephone number, or email address. Violating other student's rights to privacy/confidentiality.
12. Sharing one's password with others, or using another person's password. Changing or attempting to alter any configuration, program or password on any computer or system.
13. Intentional sharing or posting of files, which are dangerous to the integrity of the network (viruses, etc.)
14. Accessing or attempting to access administrative areas of the school network, or areas not specifically for student use. This includes the hacking of any computer system.
15. Downloading, installing or storing software on a school computer without the approval of appropriate school personnel
15. Use of social networks such as MySpace and Face Book.
16. Use of chatrooms or instant messaging.
17. Using the network for non-school activities.
18. Using school technology resources for financial gain, unauthorized purchases, credit card fraud, electronic forgery, other illegal activity and political purposes.
19. Re-posting personal communication without the author's prior consent
20. Food and drinks are prohibited in areas near computers

## Consequences for Unacceptable Use of Technology

Unacceptable uses of Most Holy Redeemer technology resources may result in the suspension or cancellation of computer privileges, disciplinary measures noted in the Most Holy Redeemer Disciplinary Practices and Code of Conduct, as well as monetary and/or legal consequences.

**By signing below, both students and parents are agreeing to abide by the above terms. No student will be allowed to access the Internet without a parent's signature.**

**Please list each child in grades K-8. Families with *only* pre-school children do not need to return the form.**

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Parent's Signature

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Date

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Students' Signature

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Grade Level