

TECHNOLOGY RESPONSIBLE USE POLICY

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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to educate students on the responsible use and expectations when using the various forms of technology on and off campus. Allowing students to utilize technology during the educational process is a means for enhancing each student's overall learning experience. Our goal is to provide a safe, appropriate, and effective learning environment for all at Cathedral Catholic.

The Responsible Use Policy includes all forms of technology, including, but not limited to: iPad, laptops, cameras, cell phones, texting, messaging, email, chat, instant-messaging, gaming, and social networking sites. Due to continuous advancement in technology, CCHS reserves the right to add to the policy throughout the school year as deemed necessary.

Violating any portion of the Responsible Use Policy may result in disciplinary consequences, including suspension or expulsion from CCHS and/or legal action. CCHS will cooperate with law enforcement in any investigation related to any potentially illegal activities conducted through our network. The school reserves the right to apply disciplinary consequences for computer-related activities conducted off-campus if such activity adversely affects the safety or well-being of students or other members of our school community or constitutes behavior embarrassing to the school. Students and parents should report threats of violence or harm in cyberspace to law enforcement immediately.

PRIVACY AND ON-LINE BEHAVIOR:

Students will not share passwords or use anyone else's passwords.

Students will not impersonate another's identity.

Students will be ethical and respect the privacy of others.

Students understand that CCHS has the right to look at any data, email, logs, or files that exist on the network or on an individual device without the prior consent of the systems user. In addition, CCHS reserves the right confiscate and search a student's electronic device to ensure compliance with the Responsible Use Policy and school policy as outlined in the Student Handbook.

Students will not submit, publish or display any defamatory, inaccurate, abusive, obscene, profane, sexually explicit, threatening, racially offensive, or illegal material.

Students will not encourage or condone the use of a controlled substance, alcohol, or tobacco.

RECORDING SOUND / TAKING PICTURES:

Students will not make and/or post photo, audio, or video recordings of another student or CCHS employee/volunteer without specific permission from the individual being recorded and the supervising teacher.

Any use of camera's in restrooms or the locker room, regardless of intent, will be treated as a serious violation.

UNACCEPTABLE USES OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES THROUGH NETWORK OR INTERNET:

Violating any state or federal law or municipal ordinances, such as: Accessing or transmitting pornography of any kind, obscene depictions, harmful materials that encourage others to violate the law, confidential information, or copyrighted materials;

- Criminal activities that can be punished under law
- Selling or purchasing illegal items or substances
- Spamming; spreading viruses

Causing harm to other or damage to their property, such as:

- Using profane, abusive, or impolite language; threatening, harassing, or making damaging or false statements about others, or accessing, transmitting, or downloading offensive, harassing or disparaging materials;
- Deleting, copying, modifying, or forging other users' names, emails, files, or data; disguising one's identity, impersonating other users, or sending anonymous email.
- Damaging computer equipment, files, data, or the network in any way, including intentionally accessing, transmitting or downloading computer viruses or other harmful files or programs, or disrupting any computer system performance.
- Using the network or Internet in any manner that violates any school policy.

Any unauthorized technology used for the purpose of bypassing security systems, including internet filtering is not permitted. This includes the use of ssh, proxy-bypass software, remote desktop sessions, anonymizing websites/software and other technologies.

I understand and will abide by the above terms and conditions of the Technology Responsible Use Policy, and will use computer and electronic resources for curricular purposes only. I further understand that any violation of this agreement is unethical and may constitute a criminal offense and may result in civil liability to me and my parents or guardians, if I am under age 18. Should I commit any violation, I am subject to consequences of the school and of state and federal law.