

St. Brendan School Policy on Acceptable Use of Technology *Student/Parent Contract*

The teachers and students of St. Brendan School have had access to the Internet and the World Wide Web for a number of years now. **All Internet use is directed by St. Brendan School's curricular goals and is driven by what is being learned in the classroom.** However, when research or curricular projects can benefit from using the World Wide Web, it has been a valuable tool that has been used appropriately by our students.

The St. Brendan School Policy and Student/Parent contract pertains to the acceptable use of Internet electronic information resources. Each child attending St. Brendan School must sign this document in order to participate in World Wide Web class activities. Parents/Guardians are also required to sign **each** contract. This document has been adapted for use by St. Brendan School from the official acceptable use policy that was sent to each school by the Department of Catholic Schools for the Archdiocese of San Francisco.

CONTRACT

Please read this document carefully. When signed by you (the user) and your parent/guardian, it becomes a **legally binding contract**. St. Brendan School must have your signature where indicated and that of your parent/guardian before you can be provided access to the Internet. Violation will result in disciplinary action, including loss of privileges, detention, possible suspension or expulsion.

The use of the information system is a **privilege, not a right**. The purpose of providing access to the Internet as well as other technological devices is to support classroom instruction and educational research. The use of the Internet must be in support of classroom directed activities and consistent with adopted curriculum and educational objectives of St. Brendan School.

Listed below are the provisions of this contract:

- Using technology resources without appropriate permission or access
- Using the network for an illegal activity, including violation of copyright, plagiarism, violation of other contracts
- Copying material from the Internet or St. Brendan computer system and representing it as your or another's own work
- Degrading or disrupting equipment or system performance
- Vandalizing the data of another user
- Wastefully using finite resources
- Gaining unauthorized access to resources or entities
- Invading the privacy of individuals
- Altering or using another user's account, password, folders, files, etc. without the other user's express permission
- Sharing or copying another's work without his/her consent
- Using technology resources to create, find, share or download offensive, obscene language and/or images or any material of a pornographic nature, or any other visual depictions that are harmful to minors

- Accessing or participating in real-time chatting (ie. Chat rooms, instant messaging) at school, unless directed by the supervising teacher or systems manager
- Posting personal communications without the author's consent
- Posting anonymous messages
- Placing unlawful information on a system
- Posting abusive or otherwise objectionable language
- Sending messages that are likely to result in the loss of recipients' work or systems
- Commercial or personal advertising
- Political lobbying
- Engaging in any form of Cyberbullying, whether on or off campus, that negatively affects the mental, physical or emotional health of another student
- Sending/posting Cyberthreats, whether on or off campus
- Misuse of server account, including uploading of inappropriate or unauthorized material
- Any other use which would violate the policies of St. Brendan School concerning proper student conduct and/or which violate the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church

Privileges:

The access to resources contained on the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in the cancellation of those privileges. The site administrator will determine when a student has violated these provisions based upon the recommendation from the instructor. Renewal of the privilege is the option of the site administrator.

Inappropriate use at home that involves harassment of another student or teacher at St. Brendan School may also be considered a violation of this privilege. The site administrator, school principal, parent and the user will determine the consequences for such actions.

St. Brendan School reserves the right to access student work, files, folders, accounts, passwords, etc. and other Internet accessed information kept on St. Brendan computer system and/or server; and to modify and/or delete those items in the interests of security, maintenance, or other legitimate St. Brendan purpose.