

St. Paul's Lutheran School Computer Network & Internet Use Agreement

To enable students to meet the challenges of our rapidly changing society, St. Paul's Lutheran School offers students access to the SPLS computer network, including both our local network and the Internet. The network is provided as a privilege to students, not as a right, to facilitate their learning, assist them in conducting research, and allow them to communicate with others through varied software. Network access is given to students who agree to act in a responsible, Christian manner. **To gain access to our school's network and the Internet, all students MUST sign this agreement and obtain parental permission.**

Computer Network

Students are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These include, but are not limited to, the following: use appropriate language; do not send abusive or offensive public or private messages, including pictures; do not harass, insult, or attack others; do not reveal personal addresses, phone numbers, or credit card numbers; illegal activities are strictly forbidden; do not trespass in or tamper with other student, teacher, or network operating system files; do not use the network in any way that disrupts the use of the network by others; do not send viruses or other files that result in the loss of the recipient's files or systems software. In addition, students should respect all federal copyright laws and software licensing agreements. Students may run only network software that has been licensed to St. Paul's Lutheran School; students may not load, run, or copy any other software. The use of the St. Paul's Lutheran School computer network may be revoked at any time for inappropriate access or use.

Students should understand that electronic mail is not guaranteed to be private. Network administrators have access to all mail and monitor messages for appropriate content. Messages relating to illegal activities must, by law, be reported to the proper authorities. Network storage areas may be treated like school lockers. Network administrators may review files to maintain system integrity and ensure that students are using the system responsibly.

Login names and passwords are used to protect the user's files and determine what software applications that user has rights to access. Students should only use the login name assigned to them and the password they have chosen. Everyone has an account on the network. If access is denied to a student, there is a reason for it. Therefore, students should not give their passwords to anyone else and are responsible for anything sent on the network using their login name.

School computer equipment is intended for educational purposes. Any other purpose needs to be approved by the network administrator. Students should not vandalize the equipment. Dismantling a computer in any way, removing key caps, mouse parts, connections, etc., may be reason for the removal of your network privileges; additional disciplinary actions for stealing or destroying property are specified in the student handbook. Students and their parents will also be responsible for any damage, replacement of parts, or technician time (could be \$150+ per hour) necessary to correct what has been altered or destroyed.

By signing this contract you agree to forfeit all intellectual property rights for items created for the St. Paul's Lutheran School web site. Any original work created by a student, faculty or staff member for use on the St. Paul's Lutheran School web site will become the property of St. Paul's Lutheran School. Original work may be altered without the consent of the person who created it.

Internet

Students can utilize the Internet to access unique educational resources and have opportunities for collaborative work. Prior to accessing the Internet, students may be required to receive training in its proper educational uses. Any information downloaded from the Internet must be placed in a student's network folder, on a floppy disk, or on other removable media. Students not abiding by the provisions of this policy may have their Internet access privileges removed for part or all of the school year.

St. Paul's families should be aware that some material accessible via the Internet, even with filtering, may contain information that is illegal, defamatory, inaccurate, and blatantly sinful. St. Paul's is making Internet access available to further educational goals and objectives; we believe that the benefits of accessing information resources and opportunities for collaboration exceed the disadvantages. Teachers and administrators will guide students toward tracking down appropriate materials.

Students are expected to *avoid certain types of web sites*. These include, but are not limited to, the following: listening to music, playing games, checking e-mail, personal entertainment and joining in any type of chat rooms. Internet and/or network privileges may be suspended/revised for poor performance in classes.

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Return entire sheet. Copies are available if needed.

I understand and agree to comply with the above policies of St. Paul's Lutheran School regarding the use of St. Paul's computer network and the Internet.

Student _____ Date _____

Student _____ Date _____

Student _____ Date _____

Student _____ Date _____

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I give my permission for my child(ren) at St. Paul's Lutheran School to use St. Paul's computer network and access the Internet.

**Parent** \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_