

Acceptable Use Policy for the Internet

(Return to School)



I have read and understand Saint Lucas' Acceptable Use Policy for the Internet. I also recognize that there are both benefits and dangers to Internet use. I understand my child will use web-based tools (e.g., Google Apps for Education and iPad apps) operated not by Saint Lucas, but by third parties. I understand that Saint Lucas cannot guarantee the accuracy or quality of the information obtained through this Internet connection. I further understand that my son(s) and/or daughter(s) will be held liable for all expenses incurred as a direct result of illegal actions or as a result of actions in violation of the Saint Lucas Acceptable Use Policy. Based on the policy as printed, please check the appropriate box and fill out the necessary information for each child attending Saint Lucas.

Check box:

I hereby give permission for my son(s) and/or daughter(s) to be granted Internet access at Saint Lucas Lutheran School.

(Please print EACH student's name – first, middle and last.)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

I hereby DENY permission for my son(s) and/or daughter(s) to be granted Internet access at Saint Lucas Lutheran School.

(Please print EACH student's name – first, middle and last.)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Student Signature(s)

My parents and I have discussed the Saint Lucas Acceptable Use Policy, and I agree to follow all guidelines.

PLEASE WRITE LEGIBLY

Student Signature(s): _____ Date _____

_____ Date _____

_____ Date _____
_____ Date _____

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Parent Copy (Keep for your records)



This policy needs to be read and signed by all Saint Lucas parents and returned to school before students will be allowed to use any computers at Saint Lucas.

The Internet is a communication network which allows users to access information stored on computers around the world. Saint Lucas begins instruction of this powerful tool as early as Kindergarten. The Internet enables our students and staff to learn in a variety of ways (pictures, videos, music, text), expand and improve research, and obtain current information in a timely fashion.

Because of its nature, the Internet presents certain dangers. It provides opportunities for sinful and/or illegal activities (such as exposure to inappropriate language and pornography). Because of the limited restrictions of what can and cannot be placed on the Internet, the quality and validity of the material varies greatly. Our students will need to learn how to distinguish between worthwhile and less worthwhile sites. It is also imperative that our students understand that, as they use the Internet, they must "...take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ" (2 Cor. 10:5b). They will need to exercise common sense and good Christian judgment.

Since there is no way to completely block undesirable sites, students will only be allowed on the Internet under adult supervision. Students will be required to have the written permission of their parents to use the Internet. Signing this document will give them that permission.

The following guidelines have been developed to define acceptable use of the Internet.

Appropriate Use of the Internet:

All research should reflect Christian principles and be in pursuit of educational goals (example: research for a homework assignment).

Respect copyright laws.

Email may be sent or received only under the direct supervision of an instructor. (Recognize that electronic communication is not private.)

Inappropriate Use of the Internet:

Intentionally damaging or destroying data.

Using any name, username or password other than your own.

Accessing inappropriate websites.

Sending or receiving obscene or sinful material.

Plagiarism (cheating by copying or slightly changing other's work and submitting it as your own).

Engaging in illegal or unchristian activities.

Consequences for unacceptable use of the Internet:

The privilege of using the Internet and/or school computers will be suspended or permanently revoked.

School discipline will be administered as deemed necessary by the principal.

Criminal acts will be referred to the proper government authority.