

# **Blessed Sacrament School**

## **Computer Network and Internet Acceptance Use Policy**

Blessed Sacrament School actively pursues making advanced technology and increased access to learning opportunities available to students and staff. Internet access is available at Blessed Sacrament School to allow students and staff to access and use information sources from international computers and to communicate and share information with others.

In accordance with Blessed Sacrament School's mission statement "to provide academic excellence in the climate of gospel values," students will be held accountable for computer usage. Accessing information or using the computers in any way counter to Blessed Sacrament's mission statement (such as accessing or providing materials to sites which include information on drug use, pornography, bigotry, hate, violence or other criminal behavior) is not allowed. Students doing research on controversial issues should always receive permission from their teacher before using the Internet sites.

Students are not allowed to alter computer settings or add software to hard drives without the express permission from a faculty or staff member. Unauthorized access of computer logins, directories, and software (hacking) is prohibited. Students are to respect the privacy rights of others by accessing only their own documents.

It is the user's responsibility when downloading programs to check for copyright or licensing agreements and to pay for any copyrighted software. Software should only be used in accordance with the license agreement.

Students are not to waste or take supplies, such as paper, printer ribbons or cartridges, toner and diskettes provided by Blessed Sacrament School. Students should print only one copy of their work on the printers. If additional copies are needed, they should be photocopied.

Blessed Sacrament School reserves the right to impose consequences for inappropriate behavior that takes place off campus and outside school hours. Thus, inappropriate use of technology (for example, on a home computer), may subject the student to consequences. Inappropriate use includes harassment, use of school name, remarks directed to or about teachers, offensive communications and safety threats.

Blessed Sacrament School does not, however, actively monitor student use of technology (Internet blogs, chat rooms, etc.). While our filtering system establishes some parameters for appropriate use within our building, students and parents/guardians are primarily responsible for the appropriate and ethical use of technology, especially in the home.

Any violation of Internet or Computer Usage will result in immediate suspension of Internet privileges. Students will be responsible for payment of damages to computer hardware or software. Other sanctions could include: detention, denied access of Blessed Sacrament computers, parental conference, or other disciplinary action as deemed by the Blessed Sacrament Administration.