

BLESSED TRINITY SCHOOL'S ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY For Technology

(PK3-2nd Grade)

Introduction

At Blessed Trinity School (BTS), we believe that "...technology must be at the service of the human person...in conformity with the plan and the will of God...This is a precious resource when placed at the service of (humankind) and promotes integral development for the benefit of all." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #2293, #2294).

With this in mind, it is important that we remember that our schools are founded for Faith development and all tools that we use in the education process keep this fact in the forefront. At BTS, we further believe that the parent, student and school form a partnership which embraces the ideals of the Catholic faith in word and action. By signing the following policy, the parent and students agree that the student will value the research advantage of the Internet and not use it in any manner that violates these values and ideals.

BTS is pleased to provide technology, including Internet access, to its administrators, faculty and students with access to computers and various information technology resources including email and Internet access in order to enhance the teaching and learning environment of the school and to improve the school's operations. Students must use these resources in a responsible, ethical, and legal manner in accordance with the mission of the school and the Catholic teachings. Therefore, students must abide by the following general rules of conduct:

1. Respect and protect the privacy of others;
 - a. Use only assigned accounts and passwords;
 - b. Do not share assigned accounts or passwords with others;
 - c. Do not view, use or copy passwords, data or networks to which you are not authorized;
 - d. Do not share or distribute private information about yourself or others.

2. Respect and protect the integrity, availability, and security of all electronic resources:
 - a. Observe all network security practices;
 - b. Report security risks or violations to the school principal;
 - c. Do not vandalize, destroy or damage data, networks, hardware, computer systems or other resources;
 - d. Do not disrupt the operation of the network or create or place a virus on the network;
 - e. Conserve and protect these resources for other students and Internet users.

3. Respect and protect the intellectual property of others;
 - a. Do not infringe on copyright laws including downloading or copying music, games or movies;
 - b. Do not install unlicensed or unapproved software;
 - c. Do not plagiarize

4. Respect the principles of the Catholic School;
 - a. Use only in ways that are kind and respectful;
 - b. Report threatening or discomfoting materials to the school principal;

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- c. Do not access, transmit, copy or create materials that violate the school's code of conduct (such as indecent, threatening, rude, discriminatory or harassing materials or messages);
- d. Do not access, transmit, copy or create materials that are illegal (such as obscene, stolen, or illegally copied materials or messages);
- e. Do not use the resources to further any other acts that are criminal or violate the school's code of conduct;
- f. Do not use the resources for non-educational purposes such as visiting chat rooms, social websites or networks like MySpace or Facebook;
- g. Do not send spam, chain letters or other mass unsolicited mailings;
- h. Do not buy, sell, advertise, or otherwise conduct business or political campaigning without prior written approval from the school's principal.

Supervision and Monitoring

The school and its authorized personnel may monitor the use of information technology resources to help ensure that users are secure and in conformity with this policy. The school reserves the right to examine, use, and disclose any data found on the school's information networks in order to further the health, safety, discipline or security of any student or other person or to protect property. It may also use this information in disciplinary actions and may furnish evidence of a crime to a law enforcement.

Consequences for Violations

A violation of these rules may result in disciplinary action, including the loss of a student's privilege to use the school's information technology resources and any additional consequences at the principal's discretion including expulsion.

Cooperation with Legal Authorities

BTS complies with Federal, State and local laws and ordinances. As such, the school will cooperate with any local, state, or federal investigators or law enforcement officers that contact the school in the course of any criminal investigation.

Parent or Guardian

As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read the Acceptable Use Policy for Technology. I have discussed the contents of this AUP with my child and I understand that this access is designated for educational purposes.

PRINT PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN NAME

DATE

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

DATE

PRINT STUDENT NAME

GRADE