

Mary Queen of Heaven Acceptable Catholic Acceptable Use Policy For Computers, the Internet, Tablets, Cell Phones and Video Games

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Mary Queen of Heaven Catholic Academy realizes the value of access to the Internet. It also recognizes the potential for abuse. In an effort to prevent such abuse, all students in grades K - 8 are required to read and sign **Mary Queen of Heaven Catholic Academy Acceptable Use Policy** at the beginning of each school year. No student will be allowed to use the Internet at school without a completed **Acceptable Use Policy** (signed by both the student and his/her parent/guardian). Access to all forms of technology is a privilege, which entails responsibility on the part of the user.

Please read the policy carefully before signing; this is a legally binding document. The purpose of Internet access at Mary Queen of Heaven Catholic Academy is to support education by providing access to a wide range of resources and opportunities for collaborative work with other schools and agencies. Student access to, and use of, the Internet as well as all other computer-related technology, will be supervised at all times.

Students, parents and teachers that have web sites or post information to a website such as but not limited to, instagram, facebook, twitter or snapchat that portray the school, parish, or any member of the parish/school community in a negative light or threatens any individual is subject to disciplinary action and may lead to dismissal.

Mary Queen of Heaven Catholic Academy uses a filtering system to block unsuitable Internet sites. No filtering method is perfect, however, and on a global network it is impossible to filter all material and guarantee that no questionable material can be accessed. Some legitimate sites might be blocked by the rules invoked by the filtering system.

Not Permitted

1. Any type of vandalism to hardware, software, furniture, etc.
2. Sending inappropriate, obscene, discriminatory, offensive or harassing e-mail.
3. Sony PlayStation Portable (PSP) or any other hand-held games.
4. Visiting chat rooms.
5. Accessing or using web based e-mail accounts.
6. Visiting inappropriate web sites.
7. Plagiarism or violation of copyright.
8. Loading software of any kind, whether from the Internet, floppy disk, CD-Rom, etc.
9. Downloading programs of any kind to the computer's hard drive or a floppy disk.
10. Removing technology, hardware or software from the school without permission.
11. Transmitting personal information about other students including, but not limited to student names, addresses and phone numbers.
12. Cell phones will be handed to the Homeroom teacher in the morning and will be returned at dismissal.

Consequences

Violation of the above rules will result in one or more of the following consequences:

1. Suspension or loss of Internet privileges.
2. Suspension or loss of all computer privileges.
3. Further disciplinary actions as warranted in specific cases of serious or repetitive infractions.
4. PSP and Cell Phone will be confiscated if used during the school day.

Student

I understand and will abide by **Mary Queen of Heaven Catholic Academy Acceptable Use Policy**. Should I commit any violation, my Internet privileges may be suspended or revoked, my computer privileges may also be suspended or revoked and further school disciplinary action may be taken.

Student's Full Name:

Class:

Student's Signature:

Parent or Guardian

As the parent or guardian of the above named student, I have read **Mary Queen of Heaven Catholic Academy Acceptable Use Policy**. I understand that school access to the Internet is designed for educational purposes. Mary Queen of Heaven Catholic Academy has taken precautions to screen controversial or objectionable material. However, I realize that it is impossible to ensure that no objectionable material can be accessed and I will not hold Mary Queen of Heaven Catholic Academy responsible for materials acquired on the Internet. I give my permission for the above named student to access the Internet at Mary Queen of Heaven Catholic Academy.

Parent or Guardian's Name:

Parent or Guardian's Signature:

Date: _____ -