

ST. MARY SCHOOL
FILTER-PROTECTED INTERNET GUIDELINES

At St. Mary School we are able to offer students access to a filter-protected computer network for the Internet. We believe that the benefits to students from access to a filter-protected Internet, in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration, exceed any disadvantages that may exist.

It is the policy of St. Mary School that all filter-protected computer resources, including the Internet are to be used in a responsible, efficient, ethical and legal manner. The following guidelines have been developed to outline how the Internet is to be used by St. Mary School students. A student's failure to use the Internet in the manner described below will result in the revocation of access privileges.

A. ACCEPTABLE USE OF THE INTERNET

The Internet will only be used for instructional purposes directly related to learning goals set by the classroom teacher and the curriculum objectives established by the school administration.

B. STUDENT ACCESS TO THE INTERNET

All students will have access to the Internet through their classroom computers and the computer lab. These information resources will be filter-protected and pre-approved and reviewed by instructional faculty and staff.

C. USER RESPONSIBILITIES

In keeping with St. Mary School guidelines, the following are not permitted:

- sending or displaying offensive messages or pictures
 - using obscene language
 - harassing, insulting, or attacking others
 - damaging computers, computer systems or networks
 - violating copyright laws
 - using another's password
 - using the network for commercial purposes.
 - actions or behaviors related to the computer deemed inappropriate by school personnel.
- Violations **will** result in the loss of access as well as other disciplinary or legal actions.

D. MODIFICATIONS OF FILTER-PROTECTED INTERNET USE GUIDELINES

These guidelines can be modified at any time in order to meet arising needs and changing conditions in the field of Internet technology. Notification of modifications to these guidelines will be given to the student.

E. POLICY ACCEPTANCE

Parent and/or student signature of the handbook signifies acceptance of these guidelines.