

**Introduction**

St. Croix Central has established a computer network and is pleased to offer Internet access for student use. This will provide students and staff with access to a variety of Internet resources. The network includes but is not limited to, internet use, access to students and shared folders, printing, and general use of student computers. In order for students to use the Internet, students and their parents or guardians must first read and understand the following acceptable use policies.

To view the most recent version of the document, look under the “Technology & Library Info” section on the district’s website. This is a ‘live’ document that may be changed without notification.

In order to make students aware of possible issues involved in communicating and being engaged in a digital forum, SCC will make every effort to educate our students in the course of their schooling. During computer and library media classes, students will cover appropriate online behavior, social networking, cyber bullying, and legal issues pertaining to online activities. Parents/guardians are also encouraged to discuss these issues with their student.

**Acceptable Uses**

1. The computer network at St. Croix Central has been set up in order to allow Internet access for educational purposes. This includes classroom activities, research activities, and the exchange of project-related ideas.
2. Network users must respect resource limits. Users are responsible for deleting old emails or other files that may take up excessive amounts of storage space. Users must also respect limit on internet bandwidth availability.
3. Student use of the Internet is contingent upon parent/guardian permission in the form of a signed copy of this Acceptable Use Policy. Parent/guardians may revoke approval at any time.
4. Material created and/or stored on the system is not guaranteed to be private. Network administrators may review the system from time to time to ensure that the system is being used properly. For this reason, students should expect that emails, material placed on personal Web pages, and other work that is created on the network may be viewed by a third party.
5. Network users must keep their passwords private. Accounts and/or passwords may not be shared.
6. Network users are expected to adhere to the safety guidelines listed below.

## **Unacceptable Uses**

1. The network may not be used to download, copy, or store any software, shareware, or freeware without prior permission from the network administrator.
2. The network may not be used for commercial purposes. Users may not buy or sell products or services through the system without prior permission from the network administrator.
3. Use of the network for advertising or political lobbying is prohibited.
4. The network may not be used for any activity, or to transmit any materials, that violate United States or local laws. This includes, but is not limited to, illegal activities such as threatening the safety of another person or violating copyright laws.
5. Network users may not use vulgar, derogatory, or obscene language. Users may not engage in personal attacks, harass another person, or post private information about another person.
6. Network users may not log on to someone else's account or attempt to access another user's files. "Hacking" or otherwise trying to gain access to another person's or organization's computer system is prohibited.
7. Network users may not access Web sites, or newsgroups that contain material that is obscene or that promotes illegal acts. If a user accidentally accesses this type of information, he or she should immediately notify a teacher, librarian, and/or network administrator. Users may not participate in chat rooms.
8. Network users may not engage in "spamming" (sending an email to more than 10 people at the same time) or participate in chain letters.

## **Consequences of Violation**

1. Consequences will depend on the severity and frequency of the offense and is at the discretion of the building administrator.
2. Consequences may include, but are not limited to:
  - a. Detention and/or community service to school
  - b. Revocation of computing and other technology privileges
  - c. Suspension
  - d. Meeting with administrators, parents, and relevant staff
  - e. Requirement of restitution to SCC
  - f. Referral to law enforcement agencies
  - g. Other legal action

## **Safety Guidelines for Students**

1. Be mindful of how and with whom you are sharing personal information. (name, address, phone #, pictures)
2. Never agree to meet in person with anyone you have met online unless you first have the approval of a parent or guardian.
3. Notify an adult immediately if you receive a message that may be inappropriate or if you encounter any material that violates this Acceptable Use Policy.
4. Your parents should instruct you if there is additional material they think would be inappropriate for you to access. St. Croix Central expects you to follow your parent's wishes in this matter.

**Anti-Bullying Policy**

By signing this agreement you also agree to abide by the school's anti-bullying policy (400.113) in regard to technology. This policy can be found on the district website.

**Parent/Guardian Permission**

I have read and understand the above information about appropriate use of the computer network at St. Croix Central and I understand that this form will be kept on file at the school and will be valid authorization for my child until their graduation even if there are updates and/or changes to this document. I give my child permission to access the network as outlined above.

Parent Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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