

Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board

Student Information Technology Acceptable Use Code

Students of the SMCDSB have the privilege of accessing a wide variety of computer and information technology resources, including the Internet. All users must acknowledge and accept their responsibilities regarding the proper use of these technologies in order to keep this privilege.

When using the Information Technology resources and services provided by the SMCDSB all users must agree to adhere to the terms in the following Acceptable Use Code.

Security

- You accept responsibility for any misuse of your account, regardless of who used it. Therefore, you will **keep your password secret**.
- You will **use only your own account**. Anyone who attempts to access any system using someone else's password will be seriously dealt with as required by School and Board policies and the Criminal Code.
- You will not use any school system to attempt to gain unauthorized access to information resources.

General Computer Use

- You will ensure that the use of Board resources and services are for educational purposes that reflect Catholic values and relate to classroom projects as directed by your teacher.
- You will not attempt to install any software or games on school systems, nor make any changes to a computer's setup or operating system.
- You will do nothing that could interfere with the functioning of systems or networks within the school or accessed through the school systems.
- Vandalism shall result in disciplinary action. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to manipulate, harm or destroy data or equipment of another user, or any of the networks that are connected to the Internet. This includes, but is not limited to, the deliberate infection of school computers with viruses.
- You will print only what is required and not waste paper, ink, or other resources.
- You will not bring food or drink into any area where school computers are used.

Use of the Internet

- You will use the Internet for valid educational purposes. Aimless "surfing" and use of chat lines are not allowed. **You understand that all your activities on the Internet may be logged and monitored at any time.**
- The SMCDSB has no control over material available through the Internet. While there are many educational sites of great value, there are also sites that contain material inappropriate to any school setting. You will use discretion and avoid areas that contain inappropriate material.
- In the interest of personal safety, you are to disclose promptly, to your teacher or immediate supervisor, any message that you receive that is inappropriate or that makes you feel

uncomfortable.

- You will ensure that your account is **not** used for:
 - gathering or distribution of any material which is offensive, obscene, racist, pornographic, malicious or slanderous.
 - activity that may be considered unethical, immoral or illegal.
 - activity which is for private commercial gain.
- You will not share personal information (addresses, phone numbers, credit card numbers...) over the Internet.
- You will respect all applicable Federal, Provincial and Municipal laws, including the Criminal Code and the Copyright Act.
- You will not plagiarize works that are found on the Internet. Plagiarism is taking the writings, ideas, images, or other media of others and presenting them as if they were original to you.
- You will attempt to access the Internet only with the permission and under the supervision of a teacher.
- You will not download or install any programs or large files unless specifically asked to do so by a teacher.

Violations

Any violation of this agreement will give the Principal (or supervisor) the right to terminate your access privileges and to pursue any further disciplinary action according to the Law, and the policies of the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board.

	Student	Parent/Guardian
Name(printed)		
Signature		
Date		