

Internet Acceptable Use Policy

Access to computer systems and networks owned or operated by Holy Trinity H. S. imposes certain responsibilities and obligations and is granted subject to school policies, and local, state, and federal laws. Acceptable use always is ethical, reflects academic honesty, and shows restraint in the consumption of shared resources. It demonstrates respect for intellectual property, ownership of data, system security mechanisms, and individuals' rights to privacy and to freedom from intimidation and harassment.

Guidelines

In making acceptable use of resources you must:

- Use resources only for authorized, school related purposes.
- Be responsible for all activities that originate from your system.
- Access only information that is your own, that is publicly available, or to which you have been given authorized access.
- Use only legal versions of copyrighted software in compliance with vendor license requirements.
- Be considerate in your use of shared resources. Refrain from monopolizing systems, overloading networks with excessive data, degrading services, or waiting computer time, connect time, disk space, printer paper, manuals, or other resources.

In making acceptable use of resources you must NOT:

- Use another person's system, files, or data without permission.
- Use computer programs to decode passwords or access control information.
- Attempt to circumvent or subvert system or network security measures.
- Engage in any activity that might be purposefully harmful to systems or to any information stored thereon, such as creating or propagating viruses, disrupting services, or damaging files or making unauthorized modifications to school data.
- Use school systems for commercial or partisan political purposes, such as using electronic mail to circulate advertising for products or for political candidates.
- Make or use illegal copies of copyrighted materials or software, store such copies on school systems, or transmit them over school networks.
- Engage in accessing, producing, posting, sending or displaying material that is considered offensive.
- Attempt to plagiarize or infringe copyrights of works you find on the internet.
- Use mail or messaging services to harass or intimidate another person, for example, by broadcasting unsolicited messages, by repeatedly sending unwanted mail, or by using someone else's name or personal data.
- Waste computing resources or network resources, for example, by intentionally placing a program in an endless loop, printing excessive amounts of paper, or by sending chain letters or unsolicited mass mailings.
- Use of school's systems or networks for personal gain; for example, by selling access to your ID or to school systems or networks, or by performing work for profit with school resources in a manner not authorized by the school.
- Access chat rooms, or social networking sites such as Facebook, Tagged, MySpace, Instagram, You Tube, or any sites comparable with the intent to post blogs, pictures or to chat.
- Engage in any other activity that does not comply with the General Principles presented above.

Enforcement

The school considers any violation of acceptable use principles or guidelines to be a serious offense and reserves the right to copy and examine any files or information resident on systems allegedly related to unacceptable use, and to protect its network from systems and events that threaten or degrade operations. Violations of these regulations will result in serious disciplinary action and may also result in criminal charges if the violation of the regulation is also a violation of local, state, and federal laws.

Information Disclaimer

Individuals using computer systems owned by Holy Trinity H.S. do so subject to applicable laws and policies. Holy Trinity H.S. disclaims any responsibility and/or warranties for information and materials residing on non-school systems or available over publicly accessible networks. Such materials do not necessarily reflect the attitudes, opinions, or values of the State of Illinois, Holy Trinity H.S., its faculty, staff, or students. Holy Trinity H.S. shall not be responsible for the safety or securing of personal electronic equipment students or staff chooses to bring to school.