

St. Thomas Aquinas School 2019 -2020
Student and Parent Agreement for Computer & Internet Access Privileges
PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AS SEVERAL CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE TO THIS AGREEMENT

St. Thomas Aquinas School has made a significant investment in acquiring technology that will enhance the education of its students. This investment will ensure that students will use technology as a tool for learning, for productivity, and for sharing information with others in the school environment and around the world. The school is committed to teaching students to use this technology in ways that will enhance their education and equip them with the skills necessary for being responsible citizens of the 21st century. Therefore, as a means of ensuring the appropriate use of technology, the school expects students to assume certain responsibilities and behaviors. Permission to use the school's computers for Internet privileges is dependent upon students and parents signing an agreement to use technology in a responsible manner. All students are asked to abide by the following agreement.

The gift of technology has become a wonderful resource in the world of education. However, with it comes the potential for great harm if not utilized properly. With the need to teach modern concepts and applications which will make our students fully prepared for their high school experience, great caution must be exercised by students and faculty alike. Safeguards will be established and maintained for the security of all.

Violation of these safeguards by students will be dealt with in an administrative fashion which will be inclusive of strict discipline up to and including suspension or expulsion in cases which compromise the safe and orderly running of the school. This could include instances of cyber bullying, destruction of web based materials and vandalism of school property. Caution and vigilance on the part of all is strongly advised.

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each section:*

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agree</i> | I. I recognize that all computer users have an equal right to use the equipment, therefore:
a. I will not use the computer resources for anything other than academic purposes;
b. I will not waste, nor take without permission supplies such as paper, printer cartridges, disk space and supplies provided by the school;
c. When I am at a computer, I will work in ways that do not disturb others. |
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agree</i> | II. I recognize that software and other work available through the Internet are protected by copyright laws, and therefore:
a. I agree to act ethically and obey rules of academic honesty. Specifically, I will demonstrate respect for: intellectual property, ownership of data, system security mechanisms, and rights to privacy;
b. I will not present the work of others as my own.
c. I will not use online sources to answer quiz or test questions unless directly permitted to do so. |
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agree</i> | III. I recognize that the work of all users is valuable and personal, therefore:
a. I will protect the privacy of others by not trying to learn their passwords;
b. I will not copy, change, MOVE, DELETE, READ, or use files belonging to another user without that user's prior permission;
c. I will not attempt to gain unauthorized access to system programs or computer equipment. |

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- IV. I recognize that telecommunications offers an opportunity to exchange and access educational information; therefore, I will follow the rules of "netiquette" that my school has adopted:
- a. I will be polite when I engage in telecommunications activities;
 - b. I will not willingly access information that is offensive or inappropriate or distribute such materials to others;
 - c. I will not create or disseminate any information that is hurtful or damaging to anyone;
 - d. I agree to respect the privacy of others on the network. To protect myself, I will not reveal any personal information about myself (such as my name, home address, phone number, password) or any personal information about others;
 - e. I will immediately notify a teacher or other school official if I feel that I am in any way threatened, presented with information that is inappropriate for me or others, communicated to by someone unknown;
 - f. I will not download or upload software without permission;
 - g. I will abide by school policies, local, state, and federal laws;
 - h. I also understand that any violation of the regulations is unethical and may constitute a criminal offense. Should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked and disciplinary or legal action taken.

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- V. I recognize that I am responsible for my actions and decisions when using school equipment and I understand that any actions that in violation of this policy will result in corrective action determined by the school Principal.

I have read the Student and Parent Agreement for Computer & Internet Access Privileges, and discussed it with my parent/guardian. I agree to abide by its provisions.

Student's Signature: _____ Grade: _____ Date: _____

I, the parent/guardian of _____ (please print) have read the Student and Parent Agreement for Computer & Internet Access Privileges with my child. I understand that computer access at my child's school is designed for educational purposes and that the school has taken steps to train my child to use it appropriately. I am also aware that the school has taken steps to filter inappropriate material from Internet access; however, I recognize that it is impossible for the school to restrict access to all controversial materials, and I will not hold them responsible for materials acquired on the network.

I hereby give permission for my child to use the school's technology equipment and certify my agreement and understanding.

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____