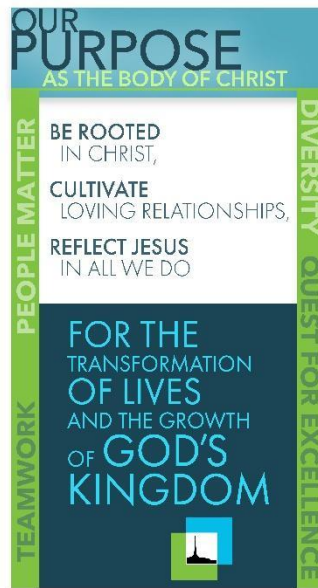


St. Peter's Lutheran School

TECHNOLOGY HANDBOOK

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1. INTRODUCTION

St. Peter's Lutheran School believes technology can, and should, be an integral part of each student's education. When used appropriately, technology is a tool which can help prepare them for 21st Century education and work environments. This handbook provides students, parents, and teachers with overview information about the use of both St. Peter's Lutheran School-owned and student-owned technology. Through the receipt of this handbook and the use of St. Peter's Lutheran School wireless network, users agree to the following terms and conditions.

2. GENERAL TECHNOLOGY RULES

2.1 Internet Safety

St. Peter's Lutheran School employs an Internet filter to protect students from material that can be potentially dangerous to minors on the Internet. As a requirement of all schools under The Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), all sites are filtered and some sites are blocked on the St. Peter's Lutheran School network. When students use St. Peter's Lutheran School-owned devices outside of school, the filters are still in use. Our internet filtering software enables parents to implement more stringent filtering controls outside of school hours. Please note that students are in violation of school policy if they bypass the Internet filter. Any violation will be reported to school administration resulting in a consequence. Finally, St. Peter's Lutheran School holds the expectation that students will visit only those sites related to their coursework.

2.2 Network Use

St. Peter's Lutheran School believes the use of the network is a privilege and that each student is responsible for what he/she says and does on the network. Network administrators will make reasonable efforts to maintain reliable service. They cannot, however, absolutely guarantee that the system will always be available or operating correctly. Student users should assume that none of their data is private or confidential. Any communication or data may be subject to review by network or school administration.

2.2.1 Wi-Fi

Students may only connect to the SPL Student Wi-Fi network while on school campus.

2.3 Device Care

Students are expected to exhibit responsible behavior when caring for their device.

2.3.1 Loss, Theft, or Vandalism

Students, parents, and teachers should be aware of procedures in case of loss, theft or vandalism of St. Peter's Lutheran School-owned or student-owned devices. In case of loss, theft, vandalism, and other criminal acts occurring at school, a report must be filed by the student or parent within 48 hours of the occurrence with the building administration. Theft or vandalism incidents occurring off campus must be reported to the appropriate police authority by the parent and the police report number must be delivered to the St. Peter's within 72 hours. St. Peter's Lutheran School may choose to remotely disable the device in order to protect the device and/or data on the device.

2.3.2 Transporting Devices

To prevent damage, devices must be kept in their protective case or cover.

2.3.3 Device Storage

When students are not using their device, it should be stored in the appropriate designated space according to grade level. Nothing should ever be stored on top of the device. Students in grades 5 – 8 are required to take their device home each night to charge, so they are ready for the following school day. Extreme hot and cold temperatures may damage the device. Do not store them in a vehicle.

2.3.4 Device Cleaning

Student devices may be cleaned by spraying alcohol on a soft cloth and then wiping down the device. Never spray liquids directly on the device. Harsh chemicals such as bleach or using Clorox or Lysol wipes may damage the device.

2.3.5 Loaning or Borrowing Devices Among Peers

Students must maintain control and ownership of their devices at all times. They may not loan St. Peter's Lutheran School-owned or student-owned devices to other students or anyone else. Due to safety and device management issues, students may not borrow a device from another student. Classroom loaner devices are available, if needed.

2.4 Responsible Participation

Technology is a tool that enhances learning and is an essential part of the classroom. Therefore, students are required to bring their device fully charged to school each day. When students leave their device at home they are responsible for completing their coursework as if their device were present.

2.5 Inappropriate Content

St. Peter's Lutheran School expects students to make appropriate choices around the content viewed and stored on both St. Peter's Lutheran School-owned and student-owned devices. Inappropriate content will not be allowed on St. Peter's Lutheran School-owned devices or devices brought by students. Inappropriate content includes but is not limited to content that is profane, threatening, pornographic, obscene, or sexually explicit.

2.6 Cyberbullying

Cyberbullying will not be tolerated. Any bullying will be addressed as outlined in the Information Guide.

2.7 File Management and Deleting Files

File management, storage, and usage are a crucial part of education. Students should be aware of where they store their work and ask when they are unsure of where files should be stored or files that look unfamiliar. Students must not delete any folders or files that they did not create or that they do not recognize. The deletion of certain files will result in a computer failure and will interfere with student's ability to complete class work. Violations could result in disciplinary action(s).

2.8 Passwords and Usernames

Passwords and usernames are critical components of security in all environments; therefore, students must keep their passwords and usernames private.

2.9 Music, Videos, Games, or Programs

Due to copyright laws, music, videos and games may not be downloaded or streamed over the Internet. The illegal downloading and distribution of copyrighted works are serious offenses that carry with them the risk of substantial monetary damages and, in some cases, criminal prosecution. Copyright infringement also could lead to limitation or suspension of the school's Internet service. More about copyright issues may be found at www.respectcopyrights.org.

2.10 Student Activities Strictly Prohibited

Below is a list of items which St. Peter's Lutheran School has deemed non-negotiable based on student safety, appropriate use, and laws to which St. Peter's Lutheran School is held accountable. Violations will result in disciplinary action(s). This list includes, but is not limited to:

- Vandalizing school equipment (any malicious attempt to harm or destroy hardware, software, or data);
- Participating in credit card fraud, electronic forgery, or other forms of illegal behavior;
- Using anonymous and/or false communications;
- Spamming/sending mass or inappropriate emails;
- Using messaging services, chat rooms, social media (i.e.: Facebook, Snapchat, Instagram, Twitter, etc.) on school devices without prior staff permission;
- Illegally installing or transmitting copyrighted materials;
- Using sites selling term papers, book reports and other forms of student work;
- Transmitting or accessing materials that are obscene, offensive, threatening or otherwise intended to harass or demean recipients;
- Sending, accessing, uploading, downloading, or distributing offensive, profane, threatening, pornographic, obscene, or sexually explicit materials;
- Accessing another person's account or computer without their consent or knowledge;
- Connecting to any Wireless Network not managed by St. Peter's while inside the school building(s);
- Downloading non-school appropriate applications;
- Bypassing the St. Peter's Lutheran School web filter through a web proxy;
- Using Internet/Computer Games against school policy;
- Any action violating existing school policy or public law;
- Any activities deemed inappropriate by St. Peter's Lutheran School.

2.11 AI Use

Students must use AI (Artificial Intelligence) tools solely for educational purposes as directed by teachers or school authorities. Using AI for non-educational activities or submitting AI work as original student work within the school context is prohibited.

Students are expected to use AI technologies ethically, respecting copyright laws, privacy norms, and the intellectual property rights of others. AI should not be used to engage in plagiarism, cheating, or any form of dishonesty in academic work. AI work must not be submitted in the place of student work.

Students must not interact with any AI tools that require personal information. Sharing sensitive or personal data without proper authorization or oversight is prohibited. Students should understand the risks and implications of data sharing and seek guidance from teachers when necessary.

Students must not use AI to access or disseminate harmful or inappropriate content. They should immediately report any security breaches, suspicious activities, or exposure to inappropriate content encountered during AI use to a teacher and the IT Department.

3. ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL-OWNED DEVICES

St. Peter's Lutheran School believes it is important for students to have access to technology. St. Peter's Lutheran School will provide all students a portable computing device. It is the expectation of St. Peter's Lutheran School that these computers will be used for the sole purpose of the student's education. This means that the computer cannot be used for a business or for entertainment purposes. The school will determine which devices will remain in the school

building and which devices may be taken home. The student and his or her parent/legal guardian must sign our Technology Equipment Agreement prior to receiving the school owned device. This document will be kept on file at St. Peter's Lutheran School.

3.1 Ownership and Use

For a student to use St. Peter's Lutheran School-owned devices, students must comply at all times with this St. Peter's Lutheran School Technology Handbook and St. Peter's Lutheran School's Technology and Internet Acceptable Use Agreements. Failure to comply may terminate the student's rights of possession effective immediately and the school may repossess the property.

The St. Peter's Lutheran School-owned device is the legal property of the school. While students are allowed to take these devices off of the property (e.g., home), the devices remain the legal property of St. Peter's Lutheran School.

The student has the privilege to use the St. Peter's Lutheran School-owned device unless that student is expelled from school, withdrawals from the school, or the student's access to the device has been suspended or terminated due to discipline issues.

If the student does not comply with all terms of the St. Peter's Lutheran School Technology Handbook, including the timely return of the device, the school shall be entitled to declare the student in default and bill the family for the full replacement cost for the device and accessories.

A student's failure to timely return the device and the continued use of it for non-school purposes without St. Peter's Lutheran School's consent may be considered unlawful appropriation of the school's device.

3.2 Broken or Inoperable Devices

If a St. Peter's Lutheran School-owned device fails, the student is responsible for notifying the teacher and then delivering the device to the teacher. Teachers will notify the Information Technology department of the issues. St. Peter's Lutheran School will determine whether a loaner or replacement device is warranted.

3.3 Fees

St. Peter's Lutheran School-owned devices are not the property of the students using them. Other students will eventually use the same devices; thus, it is important that devices are well cared for and responsibly handled. At times, a device might be damaged, lost or stolen. Students, parents, and teachers need to be aware of the specific rules and fee structure involved if such acts take place.

- If the property is damaged, lost or stolen, students are responsible for the fees below. Parents are responsible for the reasonable cost of repair for deliberately damaged devices. Loss or theft of the property must be reported to school administration within 48 hours after the occurrence.
- Students will be charged the Replacement Cost of the device if lost and not reported, deliberately damaged, or vandalized. This includes damage to a peer's device.
- Students found with files in violation of St. Peter's policies on their St. Peter's Lutheran School-owned device, will have their device confiscated and re-imaged with a \$100 reimage fee assessed. Additionally, students may face disciplinary actions.
- Repeated violations may result in permanent loss of school issued devices.
- If a bill remains unpaid, a service fee will be added each month until payment is received.
- Fees must be paid in full by the end of the school year to insure future enrollment. Administration will contact those with outstanding technology balances.

- Fees for violations are listed below:

	Fee
Violation 1	\$25
Violation 2	\$50
Violation 3	\$100
Violation 4+	full cost of repair
Lost or broken power cord	\$50
Re-image of hard drive due to violation of Acceptable Use Policy or other damages (graffiti, illegal software)	\$100
Cleaning fee (removing stickers from device, pen, pencil, marker, etc.)	\$25
Abandonment fee (if eventually found)	\$25

3.3.1 Repair/Replacement Costs

The table below illustrates the costs that St. Peters may have to incur for repairing or replacing a device if it is not covered under warranty or insurance.

Table of Estimated Repair Pricing (Laptop/Chromebook)	
Loss, Deliberate Damage, or Neglect	Repair /Replacement Costs *
Device replacement	\$496
Broken screen	\$175
Battery	\$125
Power adapter + cord	\$50
Device case/cover	\$40
Keyboard (missing keys)	\$25 each
Missing St. Peter's cling sticker	\$10
Re-image/reset device due to violation of Acceptable Use Policy or other damages (graffiti, illegal software)	\$100

Table of Estimated Repair/Replacement Pricing (iPad)	
Loss, Deliberate Damage, or Neglect	Repair /Replacement Costs *
Device replacement	\$738
Power cord	\$35

* The costs of any other parts needed for repairs will be based on the cost of the replacement parts at that time.

3.4 Classroom Technology

Every classroom is adequately equipped with the technology needed to meet the needs of students. All teachers may use multimedia presentation software, including projectors, SMART boards, and document cameras as a part of regular instruction. Additionally, students have access to various technology devices:

- K -8th Grade – One-to-one Chromebooks
- Ipad cart that may be checked out by classroom teacher for projects

During normal school operations, 5th - 8th grade students may take their devices home with them. Special expectations are communicated to these students and parents.

In the case of eLearning, all students will have the ability to bring their school-issued device home. These devices must be returned in good working order to the school when eLearning is completed or the student is responsible for up to the entire replacement cost of the device.

3.4.1 Headphones/Earbuds

Students are required to have working headphones or wired earbuds for mandated testing. If the student does not have a working set of headphones/wired earbuds the day of testing they will be sent to the IT Department to purchase a pair. A bill will be sent home; the student does not need to have the money that day.

3.5 Loaner Device

Students may receive a loaner device to be used during the school day while their assigned device is being evaluated or repaired. The loaner devices will be kept at school.

4. CELL PHONES

Students are responsible for keeping their cell phones and other personal devices secure. St. Peter's Lutheran School, its staff, or employees are not liable for any device stolen or damaged on campus. If a device is stolen or damaged, or found to be used inappropriately during school hours, it will be handled through school administration. Personal student devices are not monitored by school internet filtering. Students are not allowed to use personal devices from 7:20 am until 3:15 pm, unless given permission from our teachers.

5. TECHNOLOGY ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

Computer technology is a gift from God to His people. Like any other gift, it is up to us to use this gift wisely to glorify God and advance His kingdom. St. Peter's Lutheran School acknowledges the blessing the Lord has bestowed on His church through technology, and we are committed to empowering our students to use this gift in a way that is in keeping with our Christian faith. We pray that God will bless our efforts to enhance our students' educational experience through technology.

St. Peter's Lutheran School believes that technology is an important aspect of every student's life. Opportunities should be presented to use these tools as a part of their education. Teachers and students will be encouraged to use the Internet for research, information, and other learning opportunities. Students accessing the Internet must comply with the Internet Acceptable Use Policy found in this Information Guide. This policy and parent notification is used to provide the guidelines for and the monitoring of student activities involving the computer technology.

Computer use is a privilege. Students maintain that privilege by complying with the computer use guidelines. Using a computer in an appropriate way allows a student to retain the use privileges of our school computer network and continue his or her advancement into the world of technology.

Inappropriate computer use is defined as, but not limited to: 1) attempting to gain unauthorized access to system files, 2) using the system to engage in an illegal act, 3) accessing material that is profane or obscene or discriminates towards other people, 4) starting and/or participating in cyberbullying, or 5) participating in illegal sales. These inappropriate use acts are not acceptable and will result in a cancellation of privileges.

The following points of **technology etiquette** should be adhered to:

1. **Students' first names and/or last initial will identify any student work published on the Internet.** Other personal information will not be published. Personal photos should not be published. This is to ensure that students cannot be identified for negative purposes.
2. **Students must maintain security of the user ID and passwords.** Sharing of user ID or password is prohibited. Students will be responsible for any action taken in relation to their user I.D.
3. **Students' use of the Internet will be supervised by a teacher, teacher aide or assistant, or authorized parent volunteer.** These adults will make decisions regarding inappropriate use and will mark in student records.
4. **Students must use the computer to access only appropriate material.** Accessing obscene or inappropriate material is prohibited; violators will be liable for consequences of such actions.
5. **Students must respect copyright laws.** Violating copyright laws is prohibited; this action is against the law.
6. **Privacy issues like email should be respected.** Each email user will be educated in the proper and improper use of electronic mail.

Consequence for violations of the Acceptable Use Policy may include, but are not limited to

1. Parent notification;
2. Withholding of computer use privileges;
3. Lunch detention;
4. In-school suspension;
5. Out-of-school suspension;
6. Expulsion;
7. Notification of proper authorities (if Illegal Activity is found).

6. INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE

St. Peter's Lutheran School is pleased to offer its students access to the Internet. The Internet is an essential tool of our current society. It helps students and teachers to communicate and collaborate with other individuals and groups around the world, and significantly expands their available information base. The Internet is a tool for life learning.

Families should be aware that some material accessible via the Internet might contain some items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate, or potentially harmful. In addition, it is possible to purchase certain goods or services via the Internet, which could result in unwanted financial obligations for which a student's parent or guardian would be liable. We as Christians need to guard against improper use and instead be witnesses to share our faith by proper use of these resources.

While it is St. Peter's intent to make Internet access available in order to further educational goals and objectives, students may find ways to access other material as well. Even though St. Peter's institutes technical methods or systems to regulate students' Internet access, those methods will not guarantee compliance with the St. Peter's Internet Acceptable Use Policy. That notwithstanding, St. Peter's believes that the benefits to students of access to the Internet exceed any disadvantages. Ultimately, however, parents and guardians of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using media and information sources. Teachers at St. Peter's will guide students to Christian standards in Internet usage. Parents and guardians may use the option of requesting for their children alternate activities not requiring Internet use.

The student and his or her parent or legal guardian must sign our Internet Acceptable Use Agreement prior to using the Internet resource in the school. This document will be kept on file at St. Peter's Lutheran School.