

St. Paul Lutheran Church and School
Proper and Responsible Use of Technology Agreement

USAGE POLICY:

Using any of the St. Paul Lutheran Church and School computer facilities is a privilege. Students are obligated to follow the rules and procedures established by the church and school. Further, it is the student's responsibility to read, understand, and abide by all policies. Misuse of the facilities or violation of policies may lead to termination of offenders computer privileges and if necessary referral to authorities.

Users are **not** permitted to download and/or run any destructive or disruptive programs on St. Paul Lutheran Church and School's computer systems. Use of programs designed to decipher encrypted password or examine network traffic other than by authorized network principals is prohibited. Any activity that may damage the network is forbidden.

Material that is threatening, violent, or offensive in nature is prohibited from being stored or transmitted via the St. Paul Lutheran Church and School network. **Student** violations may result in any or all of the following: referral to authorities, expulsion from school, suspension from classes and activities, loss of computer privileges.

Violations include but are not limited to:

- ▶ Intentional introduction of computer viruses.
- ▶ Deliberately altering system files in ways that negatively affect other users or compromise the integrity of functionality of the network or individual computers.
- ▶ Storing or transmitting violent, threatening or offensive material.
- ▶ Deliberate destruction, damage, or unauthorized access to St. Paul Lutheran Church and School hardware or software.
- ▶ Unauthorized copying of software and/or violating copyright protection laws and guidelines.
- ▶ Downloading games, music, etc.
- ▶ Employing slanderous, obscene or abusive language, using sexual, racial, or ethnic slurs, or engaging in any kind of harassing behavior, while making use of e-mail, electronic bulletin boards, Usenet groups, discussion lists, etc.
- ▶ Deliberate misrepresentation of user identity.
- ▶ Unauthorized use of computer accounts, files, and data.

User Agreement and Parent Permission Form
As a user of the St. Paul Lutheran Church and School's computer network, I hereby agree to comply with the above stated rules - communicating over the network in a reliable fashion while honoring all relevant laws and restrictions. Student Signature _____
Date _____
As the parent or legal guardian of the minor student signing above, I grant permission for my son or daughter to access networked computer services such as electronic mail and the Internet. I understand that individuals and families may be held liable for violations. I understand that some materials on the Internet may be objectionable, but I accept responsibility for guidance of Internet use - setting and conveying standards for my daughter or son to follow when selecting, sharing or exploring information and media.
Parent Signature _____ Date _____