

Internet Use Policy
St. John's Lutheran School
Burlington, WI

Computers are a part of daily living in our society today. Families rely on the computer for many daily tasks. Teachers make daily trips to the Internet to enhance lessons. Students are able to access information for projects, reports, and papers. The computer has become an awesome tool for gaining knowledge.

Our philosophy for computer use at St. John's Lutheran School has been to help students become familiar with how they can use the computer as a tool to help them with their education now and especially in future years of education. Currently, students use the computer to enhance reading skills, develop keyboarding skills, gain understanding of word processing and spreadsheet techniques, and research data with encyclopedia programs. These objectives will remain the core of our computer instruction but we feel the Internet will eventually be the tool that will enable students to be successful in years to come.

With Internet access available it is important that the service is used to support the mission of St. John's Lutheran School. Internet service for teachers and students is to be used to promote educational excellence by providing resource sharing, innovation and communication.

The Internet provides access to computers and people all over the world. Some material is not appropriate for Christians or is not of educational value. Because of the information that is educationally beneficial, we believe in the importance of students using the Internet as a tool to enhance their current and future educational pursuits.

As a safeguard for students and staff we have subscribed to a service which screens up to 5,000 new web sites daily. Sites that are deemed inappropriate will not be available to our system.

Guidelines are provided to remind all Internet users of their responsibilities. Internet use is a privilege, not a right. Inappropriate use of the Internet will result in cancellation of that privilege. The Board of Education along with the principal will determine what is inappropriate use.

By signing below all users will be agreeing to the guidelines of this policy.

Use of the Internet is subject to the following guidelines:

- Students will use the Internet only to research specific information, not for browsing or personal communication.
- Supervision must be provided at all times while the Internet is in use.
- Supervising staff must be notified if an inappropriate site is reached.
- Students will use common courtesy and Christian values while using the Internet.
- Students will abide by copyright laws, which apply to commercial software and non-public domain material.
- Students will refrain from using the Internet for commercial activity, financial gain or illegal activity.

Yes, I agree to follow these guidelines.

No, my child does not have my permission to use the Internet. I understand that alternative research methods may be necessary for my child to complete assignments that require Internet use.

(Student Name)

(Parent Signature)

(Date)

(Grade)