



# **St. Andrew Catholic School**

## **Acceptable Use Policy for Technology**

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that the use of computers, iPads, other technological devices, network, and internet resources at St. Andrew Catholic School is consistent with the educational goals and policies of our school and diocese. Access to technology is a privilege that requires responsibility. Inappropriate use will result in suspension or cancellation of technology privileges, with additional disciplinary measures as deemed appropriate by the teacher and the principal.

Access to the computer network enables our students to participate in the Accelerated Reader Program, to engage in educational activities, and to do research via the internet under the direction and supervision of their teachers. Because of the diverse resources available on the internet, responsibility falls upon the student to access only those resources that are appropriate and necessary to the tasks that have been assigned. Specific uses that are not allowed include chat, IM, social networking, YouTube, unauthorized games, and downloading unauthorized content, apps, or software. Students must comply with Fair Use Laws and copyright regulations regarding written materials and images. Students will be allowed to use e-mail, and only within the school domain for school purposes. Students must respect personal safety and privacy of themselves and others at all times. Students will handle hardware gently and will not alter software or settings in any way. Any portable storage devices (CD, flash drive, etc.) must be checked by a teacher before connecting to any school computer.

With diligent teacher supervision and proper training, students are expected to be good Cyber Citizens. However, St. Andrew Catholic School cannot be held liable for unauthorized computer activity should a student choose to disregard these rules. Refer to the Parent/Student Handbook for policies on cyberbullying.

Parents please discuss this policy and its ramifications with your student. Students will sign a Technology Use Agreement consenting to abide by the rules stated therein.