Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools

Learning with Technology: Responsible Use Agreement

Christian Citizenship in a Digital World

In today's connected world, technology is essential for learning. Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools supports effective and innovative uses of technology for each and every student. This support includes a commitment to providing anytime/anywhere learning opportunities and to teach students to be Christian citizens in a digital world.

Using technology to enhance learning comes with the responsibility to use it in a manner that fosters Christ-centred citizenship. As a Catholic school district it is our goal to ensure that the use of technology contributes positively to the learning environment and to the community. Students must become aware of the benefits and the risks associated with digital interactions and ultimately make decisions about using technology responsibly, keeping themselves safe online and respecting others in all interactions, whether using district-owned or personal devices.

Student Responsibilities

It is expected that students comply with District standards for the responsible use of technology and honour the expectations set by their school and their teachers. This means that students, whether using district-owned or personal devices, accessing district or non-district networks, must:

- Use public interactive websites in a safe manner and pay particular attention to guarding privacy, protecting identity (by not posting personal information), demonstrating etiquette, and communicating in a respectful, kind and compassionate manner.
- NOT submit, post, publish, send or display obscene, profane, threatening, illegal and/or other inappropriate material on their devices, school-owned devices or on the internet.
- NOT photograph or videotape others (students or staff) without their consent.
- NOT attempt to access data or programs contained on systems without authorization or consent.
- NOT read another user's e-mail unless authorized to do so by the owner of the e-mail account.
- Agree to keeping personal passwords private and confidential.
- Agree to take precautionary measures to protect personally-owned device(s) from unauthorized access.
- Adhere to copyright laws regarding the duplication or replication of other people's work.
- REPORT instances of inappropriate, objectionable and/or offensive material to a teacher or supervisor.

Security and Supervision

Digital storage areas are treated like school lockers. District network administrators may review files and communications to maintain system integrity and to ensure responsible use. Users should not expect that files and communications stored on District servers are private. Technology resources, including bandwidth, file space, and printers are for educational purposes.

Students will be held accountable for any deliberate attempt to circumvent District technology security and supervision. A security problem on the network must be reported. Students who bring their own devices to school do so at their own risk. The school and District do not accept responsibility for their safekeeping, maintenance, loss or any damage that may result.

Responsible Use Acknowledgement

MINOR STUDENT - 17 YEARS OR YOUNGER

Student Name (please print): _____

School: _____ Grade: _____Teacher: _____

As the parent or legal guardian of the minor student named above, I have read and reviewed with my child the Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools Responsible Use of Technology Agreement. I understand that the use of technology is for educational purposes and the District, along with my role as a parent, will strive to teach students to be Christian citizens in a digital world. I understand that it is impossible to restrict access to all controversial materials or sites or for the school to control the information my child may post on a public site. I further recognize that if my child does not demonstrate responsible and appropriate use of technology, he/she may be disciplined. I will not hold the Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools responsible for materials my child may acquire or information my child may disseminate using technology.

Signature**:** _____ Date: _____
Parent/Legal Guardian

INDEPENDENT STUDENT - 18 YEARS OR OLDER

I have read and understand the Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools Responsible Use of Technology Agreement. I understand that the use of technology is for educational purposes. I agree to use technology in a manner that demonstrates Christian-citizenship in a digital world. I understand that it is impossible to restrict access to all controversial materials or sites or for the school to control the information I may post on a public site. I further recognize that if I do not demonstrate responsible and appropriate use of technology, I may be disciplined. I will not hold the Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools responsible for materials I may acquire or information I may disseminate using technology.

Student Name (please print): _____Grade: _____

Signature**:** _____ Date: _____
Independent Student

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