

Red Deer Catholic Regional Division No. 39

STUDENT ACCEPTABLE USE OF INTERNET/E-MAIL
AGREEMENT

Division students are being provided access to the Internet/E-mail using the division's Wide Area Network. The Internet/Email will allow our students to interact with hundreds of thousands of networks and computers. Within our schools and libraries, the Internet/E-mail will be used by our students for educational purposes. The Internet is similar to other student learning resources such as books, magazines, videos, CD-ROMs and encyclopedias.

Conditions and Rules for Use

It is a general policy that all computers used through the division's network are to be used in a responsible, efficient, ethical and legal manner. Failure to adhere to the policy and guidelines for the use of the network as described below will result in the revocation of access privileges. Unacceptable uses of the network include, but are not limited to:

- Using the network for any illegal activity, including violation of copyright or other laws.
- Using the network in ways which violate school policies and behavior standards.
- Using the network for financial or commercial gain.
- Degrading or disrupting equipment or system performance.
- Invading the privacy of other individuals by accessing and/or vandalizing their computerized data.
- Wasting technology resources, including band width, file space, and printers.
- Gaining unauthorized access to resources or entities.
- Using an account owned by another user with or without their permission.
- Posting personal communications without the author's consent.

Network Etiquette

All users are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These include, but are not limited to:

- Be polite in your communications to others.
- Use appropriate language. Do not swear, use vulgarities or any other inappropriate language.
- Do not engage in activities prohibited under municipal, provincial, federal or international law.

- Do not reveal your personal address or phone numbers, or that of students or colleagues.
- Do not use the network in such a way that you disrupt the use of the network by others.

Electronic mail (e-mail) is not private. People who operate the system do have access to all mail. Messages relating to, or in support of, illegal activities will be reported to the authorities and will result in the loss of user privileges.

All communications and information accessible via the Internet/Email/Email should be assumed to be the private property of those who put it on the network.

Unacceptable Material

Because access to the Internet/E-mail provides connections to other computer systems located all over the world, students (and parents) must understand that neither the Red Deer Catholic Regional Division No. 39, nor any division staff member, controls the content of the information available on these other systems. Some sites accessible via the Internet/Email may contain material that is inappropriate for educational use in a K-12 setting. The division does not condone the use of such materials and does not permit usage of such materials in the school environment.

Penalties for Improper Use

Violation of the division's Acceptable Use Policy may result in:

- restricted network access;
- loss of network access;
- disciplinary action, and/or
- legal action.

Required Signatures

Teacher

I have explained the purpose of this Acceptable Use Policy to the student named below. In addition, he/she has been informed about his/her responsibility in properly using the Internet/E-mail for educational purposes and what penalties will result in his/her inappropriate use of the Internet/E-mail.

Teacher Name (please print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student

I understand that when I am using the Internet/Email, I must adhere to all rules of courtesy, etiquette and laws regarding access and copying of information as prescribed by international, federal, provincial or municipal law and the policies and regulations of the Red Deer Catholic Regional Division Number 39.

My signature below means that I agree to follow the guidelines of the Student Acceptable Use Policy for Internet/Email access.

Student name (please print): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent or Guardian

Students under the age of 18 must also have the signature of a parent or guardian who has read this agreement.

As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read the Student Acceptable Use Policy and understand that Internet/Email access is designed for educational purposes. I understand that it is impossible for the Red Deer Catholic Regional Division No. 39 to restrict access to all unacceptable materials and I will not hold the division responsible for materials acquired on the Internet/Email. I hereby give my permission for my child to access the Internet/Email.

Parent Name (please print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Valid for the _____ - _____ school year.