

Student Network and Internet Agreement
(Students and parents must sign and return by Friday, Sept. 9, 2011)

Our Lady's Academy
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Please note: All students and parents must sign and return this form before a class will be allowed to use the Internet. **The entire class must have a signed agreement on file** before anyone in that class will be allowed to use the Internet.

Parent or Guardian:

As the parent or legal guardian of the minor student signing below, I have read the Computer and Network Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) and this agreement.

- I understand that access to Internet resources is designed for educational purposes.
- I understand that controversial material is available on the Internet and that contact with unknown individuals or groups may be possible through the Internet.

Acknowledging that, I hereby give permission for my child to have access to and use the Internet through the Academy's network.

- I further acknowledge that the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston does not guarantee that students, including my child, will not gain access to controversial material and make contact with unknown individuals or groups.
- I acknowledge and agree for my child and myself that my child may use the Internet through the Academy's network at my child's own risk.
- I hereby release and discharge the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston, a Corporation Sole, the Archdiocese Department of Education, and Our Lady's Academy from and against any and all liability associated with any claim arising out of my child's use of the Internet or the Academy's network.
- I agree to report any misuse of the Internet resources to a teacher or administrator.
- I accept full responsibility for supervision if and when my child's use is not in a school setting.
- I understand that my child's violation of this AUP will result in loss of Internet and/or network privileges; may result in other disciplinary action; and may constitute a criminal offense.

I hereby give my permission for my child(ren) to access the Internet.

Parent or guardian name: _____
(please print)

Signature: _____
(Parents: please sign for all children attending Our Lady's Academy)

Date: _____

Students:

- I understand and agree to adhere to the behaviors outlined in the Acceptable Use Policy (AUP).
- I understand that any violation of this policy may result in the loss of Internet and/or network privileges or other disciplinary action according to school policy.
- I understand that if I do not sign this agreement, I will not be permitted to use the Internet in school.

Student name (print)	Student signature	Grade/class	Date
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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A Computer and Network Acceptable Use Policy

(Please note: All students and parents must sign the Student Network and Internet Agreement before a class will be allowed to use the Internet.)

Our Lady's Academy is fortunate to have a connection to the Internet to supplement the other resources already available to staff and students. Through the Internet, your child will have the entire world at his or her fingertips and be able to explore. The Internet may contain material that is objectionable from many points of view. There is, however, a wealth of educational material available. Parents and guardians need to decide whether to permit their children to access the Internet.

It is the responsibility of all users—staff and students alike—to ensure that, at all times, the Internet is being used only for educational purposes. Student use of the Internet will be under the supervision of school staff, but due to the nature of the Internet and evolving technology, even with supervision, students might get to an inappropriate site. It is the student's responsibility to report any inappropriate site to the teacher and return to the educational topic assigned.

Our Lady's Academy uses an Internet filtering software. This software is designed to identify web sites that educators believe are inappropriate for students and to prohibit access to those sites. However, no system is perfect. On a global network it is impossible to control access to all materials that are objectionable or inappropriate. In addition, a persistent user may be able to gain access to sites that are supposed to be filtered. The school cannot and does not represent that users will not have access to inappropriate or objectionable material. Parents and guardians must consider this in deciding whether or not to permit their children access to the Internet.

It is important that your child understand that any violation of this Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) may result in the loss of use of the Internet or other disciplinary action similar to violation of other school policies. We ask that you work with your children in reinforcing the behaviors associated with the AUP and the attached student agreement.

It is the policy of the Archdiocese Department of Education and the school that all technology used to access the network will be used in a responsible, legal, and ethical manner. Failure to do so will result in the termination of network and Internet privileges for the user. Individual users of the network—students and adults—are responsible for the use of the network. The use of the network must be in support of education and research and must be consistent with academic actions of the school and will be under the supervision of the school staff. Any use of the system must be in conformity to state and federal law and network provider policies and licenses. Use of the system for illegal and commercial activities is prohibited.

The Archdiocese Department of Education and the school make no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. The Archdiocese Department of Education and the school will not be responsible for any damages you suffer while on this system. These damages include loss of data resulting from delays, nondeliveries, misdeliveries, or service interruption caused by negligence, errors, or omissions. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at your own risk. The Archdiocese Department of Education and the school deny any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its services.

Security is a high priority on computer networks. If you identify a security problem, you must notify a teacher or school administrator immediately. Do not demonstrate the problem to other users. You may not use the Internet to discuss or disseminate information regarding security problems or how to gain unauthorized access to sites, servers, files, etc.

As a responsible user, you will:

- Use language that is considered appropriate.
- Be polite.
- Send information that other users will not find offensive.
- Conform to copyright laws.
- Never reveal personal information about yourself or any other user, such as address, telephone number, credit card numbers, social security number, etc.
- Neither tamper with the system or alter, delete, or destroy any data that are not yours.
- Use the school network only during times assigned or otherwise permitted by the staff.
- Never disclose your access password or use the access password of another user.

As a responsible network user, you must be aware that:

- The school network is to be used only for educational purposes.
- Internet accounts, if assigned, shall be used only by the authorized owner of the account.
- Any attempt to gain unauthorized access to accounts on the Internet is prohibited.
- Attempts to obtain access to restricted sites, servers, files, databases, etc. are prohibited.
- Unauthorized access to other systems (e.g., "hacking") is prohibited.
- Email, if available, is not guaranteed to be private or confidential and may be reviewed under the following or other circumstances:
 - > Routine maintenance