

St. Ambrose School Internet Use Agreement

Please read this document carefully before signing.

Internet access is now available to students and teachers in the computer lab at St. Ambrose School through our America Online account.

We are pleased to bring this access to St. Ambrose and believe the Internet offers vast, diverse, and unique resources to both students and teachers. Our goal in providing this service to teachers and students is to promote educational excellence in schools by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication.

The Internet is an electronic highway connecting thousands of computers all over the world and millions of individual subscribers. Students and teachers have access to:

- 1) electronic mail communication with people all over the world.
- 2) information and news from NASA as well as the opportunity to correspond with the scientists at NASA and other research institutions.
- 3) public domain software and shareware of all types.
- 4) discussion groups on a wide variety of topics ranging from Chinese culture to the environment to music to politics.
- 5) access to many University Library Catalogs, the Library of Congress and ERIC.

With access to computers and people all over the world also comes the availability of material that may not be considered to be of educational value in the context of the school setting. St. Ambrose has taken precautions to restrict access to controversial materials. However, on a global network it is impossible to control all materials and an industrious user may discover controversial information. We firmly believe that the valuable information and interaction available on this worldwide network far outweighs the possibility that users may procure material that is not consistent with the educational and moral goals of our school.

Internet access is coordinated through a complex association of government agencies, and regional and state networks. In addition, the smooth operation of the network relies upon the proper conduct of the end users who must adhere to strict guidelines. These guidelines are provided here so that you are aware of the responsibilities you are about to acquire. In general, this requires efficient, ethical and legal use of the network resources. If a St. Ambrose user violates any of these provisions, our account will be terminated and future access could be possibly denied. The signature(s) at the end of this document indicate the party (parties) who signed has (have) read the terms and conditions carefully and understand(s) their significance.

Internet - Terms and Conditions

- 1) **Acceptable Use** - The purpose of NSFNET, which is the backbone network to the Internet, is to support research and education in and among academic institutions in the United States by providing access to unique resources and the opportunity for collaborative work. The use of this account must be in support of education and research and consistent with the educational objectives of St. Ambrose School. Use of other organization's network or computing resources must comply with the rules appropriate for the network. Transmission of any material in violation of any US or state regulation is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material, or material protected by trade secret. Use for commercial activities is generally not acceptable. Use for product advertisement or political lobbying is also prohibited.
- 2) **Privileges** - The use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges. (Each student who uses this account will be part of a discussion with a faculty member pertaining to the proper use of the network.) The system administrator will deem what is inappropriate use and their decision is final. Also, the system administrators may close an account at any

time as required. The administration, faculty, and staff of St. Ambrose may request the system administrator to deny, revoke, or suspend a specific user's access.

- 3) Network Etiquette - You are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These include (but are not limited to) the following:
 - a) Be polite. Do not get abusive in your messages to others.
 - b) Use appropriate language. Do not swear, use vulgarities or any other inappropriate language. Illegal activities are strictly forbidden.
 - c) Do not reveal your personal address or phone number or the address or phone number of students or colleagues.
 - d) Note: Students may **NOT HAVE ACCESS TO E-MAIL, FACE BOOK, CHAT ROOMS OR ANY OTHER E-MAIL ACCOUNTS HERE AT ST. AMBROSE SCHOOL.**
 - e) Do not use the network in such a way that you would disrupt the use of the network by other users.
 - f) All communications and information accessible via the network should be assumed to be private property.
- 4) St. Ambrose School makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. St. Ambrose School will not be responsible for any damages you suffer. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, non deliveries, miss-deliveries, or service interruptions caused by it's own negligence or your errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at your own risk. St. Ambrose School specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its service.
- 5) Security - Security on any computer system is a high priority, especially when the system involves many users. If you feel you can identify a security problem on the Internet, you must notify a system administrator. Do not demonstrate the problem to other users. Do not use another individual's account without permission from that individual. Attempts to log on to the Internet as a system administrator will result in cancellation of user privileges. Any user identified as a security risk or having history of problems with other computer systems may be denied access to Internet.
- 6) Vandalism - Vandalism will result in cancellation of privileges. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy data of another user, Internet, or any of the above listed agencies or other networks that are connected to the NSFNET Internet backbone. This includes, but not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses.
- 7) Chain Letters. Chain letters are prohibited on online services and are inappropriate on the Internet. Posting a chain letter to an Internet newsgroup (or via E-Mail on the Internet) may result in your access privileges being terminated.
- 8) Commercial Communication. The vast majority of newsgroups and mailing lists on the Internet are not commercial in nature and participants in such groups may object strongly to commercial postings, solicitations, or advertisements.
- 9) Other Inappropriate Posts. Each newsgroup and mailing list on the Internet focuses on a particular set of topics and posts not related to these topics are not welcomed by the participants. We suggest that all Internet users become familiar with the guidelines, themes, and culture of the specific newsgroups and mailing list in which they wish to participate. Posting patently inappropriate material on the Internet may result in suspension or termination of your access privileges.
- 10) Copyrighted and Proprietary Materials. Transmitting to the Internet copyrighted or other proprietary material of any kind without the express permission of the right holder is prohibited and will result in termination of your access privileges.

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I understand and will abide by the attached Internet Use Agreement. I further understand that any violation of the regulations attached is unethical and may constitute a criminal offense. Should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked, school disciplinary action may be taken, and/or appropriate legal action.

User Signature: _____ Date

Parent or Guardian' Name (please print)

Signature:

Date

As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read the Internet Use Agreement. I understand that this access is designed for educational purposes. St. Ambrose School has taken precautions to eliminate controversial material. However, I also recognize it is impossible for St. Ambrose School to restrict access to all controversial materials and I will not hold them responsible for materials acquired on the network. Further, I accept full responsibility for supervision if and when my child's use of an online account is not in a school setting. I hereby give permission to issue access privileges for my child and certify that the information contained on this form is correct.

Parent or Guardian' Name (please print)

Signature:

Date

SPONSORING TEACHER

(must be signed if the applicant is a student)

I have read the Internet Use Agreement and agree to promote this agreement with the student. Because the student may use the network for individual work or in the context of another class, I cannot be held responsible for the student use of the network. As the sponsoring teacher I do agree to instruct the student on acceptable use of the network and proper network etiquette.

Teacher's Name (please print)

Signature:

Date

