

“ . . . take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.” (2 Cor. 10:5b)

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| <p style="text-align: center;">St. Mark Lutheran School Acceptable Use Policy for the Internet</p> |
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The Internet is a communication network, which allows users to access information stored on computers around the world. It also provides a means for fast and inexpensive communication between people via electronic mail (e-mail). St. Mark Lutheran School has made the privilege of using this powerful tool, the Internet, available to its students. It will enable our students and staff to expand their research, and it will allow them to obtain current information in a timely fashion.

Because of its nature, the Internet presents certain dangers. It provides opportunities for sinful and/or illegal activities. Because of the limited restrictions of what can and cannot be placed on the Internet, the quality and validity of the material varies greatly. Our students will need to learn how to distinguish between worthwhile and less worthwhile sites. It is also imperative that our students understand that as they use the Internet, they must “. . . take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ (2 Cor. 10:5b). They will need to exercise common sense and good Christian judgment.

Since there is no way to completely block undesirable sites, students will only be allowed on the Internet under supervision of a teacher or parent supervisor.

The following guidelines have been developed to define acceptable use of the Internet.

Appropriate use of the Internet

- All research should be in pursuit of educational goals and reflect Christian principles.
- Use resources efficiently.
- Respect copyright and other property rights.
- E-mail sent only under the direct supervision of an instructor.

Inappropriate use of the Internet

- Intentionally damaging or destroying data.
- Using a name other than your own.
- Sending or receiving e-mail without permission.
- Sending, receiving or viewing obscene or sinful material.
- Engaging in illegal or unchristian behavior.

School discipline will be administered as deemed necessary for unacceptable use of the Internet.