

**Agreement for the Use of Computers and Telecommunications****Student Form**

I have read the Acceptable Use Policy for Computers and Telecommunications. I understand its significance, and I agree to voluntarily abide by all terms and conditions of it. I further understand that violation of this agreement would be unethical and might even constitute a criminal offense. Should I choose to violate this agreement, my privileges will be revoked, and disciplinary action and/or appropriate legal action may be taken.

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**Student's Signature****Date**

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**Print Student Name**

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**Print Name of Parent/Guardian**

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**Street Address****City****State****Zip**

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**Home Phone****Parent's/Guardian's Office Phone**

**SPONSORING TEACHER** (Must be signed if the applicant is a student.) I have read the Terms and Conditions of this agreement, the Acceptable Use Policy for Computers and Telecommunications, 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's use of the network. As the sponsoring teacher, I do agree to instruct the student on the acceptable use of the network and proper network etiquette.

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**Print Teacher's Name**

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**Teacher Signature**

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**Date**

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**Parental Consent Form**

*St. John Neumann Regional School* has chosen to permit students access to computer and telecommunication resources to further its educational goals and objectives. Reasonable care has been taken to assure the appropriateness and educational quality of the material available through the use of educational software and telecommunications. However, parents and guardians are warned that *St. John Neumann Regional School* and the Diocese of Allentown do not have total control of the information on the Internet. Parents and guardians are the primary authority responsible for imparting the standards of ethical and legal conduct their child should follow. Therefore, *St. John Neumann Regional School* supports and respects each family’s right to decide whether or not a child may have access to this resource.

1. I am the parent/guardian of the below named student. I have read the **Agreement for the Use of Computers and Telecommunications** (“the policy”), and I have either explained it to my child (“student”) or have assured myself that my child understands it. I also understand my own and my child’s responsibilities regarding computer hardware, software, and the Internet access at *St. John Neumann Regional School*.

2. Check one:  
\_\_\_\_\_ I hereby consent to my child’s having access to, and use of, the telecommunications resources at *St. John Neumann Regional School*.  
I also hereby indemnify and hold harmless the *Diocese of Allentown* and *St. John Neumann Regional School* from any claim or loss resulting from any infraction by the student of the policy or any applicable law.

\_\_\_\_\_ *I DO NOT* consent to my child’s having access to, or use of, the telecommunications resources at *St. John Neumann Regional School*.

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Parent’s/Guardian’s Signature Date

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Print Name of Above Home Phone

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Print Name of Student Business Phone

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Street Address City State Zip

## Acceptable Use Policy for Computers and Telecommunication

### Internet Access

We are pleased to bring Internet access to *St. John Neumann Regional School* and believe the Internet offers vast, diverse, and unique resources to administrations, teachers, employees, and students. Our goal in providing this service is to promote educational excellence at our school 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. Administrators, teachers, employees, and students have access to:

- electronic mail communication with people all over the world;
- access to many University Library Catalogs, the Library of Congress, and ERIC (Educational Resource Information Center, US Dept. of Ed.);
- discussion groups on a plethora of topics ranging from Japanese culture to music to politics to the environment;
- public domain and shareware of all types;
- information and news from NASA, as well as the opportunity to correspond with the scientists at NASA and other research institutions.

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 school setting. *St. John Neumann Regional School* and the *Diocese of Allentown* have taken precautions, which are limited to known sites, 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, *St. John Neumann Regional School* and the *Diocese of Allentown*, firmly believe that the valuable information and interaction available on this worldwide network far outweigh the possibility that users may procure material that is not consistent with the educational goals of this Project.

Internet access is coordinated through a complex association of government agencies along with 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 utilization of the network resources. If a *St. John Neumann Regional School* user violates any of these provisions, her/his account will be terminated, and future access could possibly be denied.

Disciplinary or legal action, including, but not limited to, criminal prosecution under appropriate state and federal laws, may also be taken. The signature(s) at the end of this document is (are) legally binding and indicate(s) the party (parties) who signed has (have) read the terms and conditions carefully and understand (s) their significance.

## **Internet Access ~ Terms and Conditions**

### **Acceptable Use**

The purpose of accessing the Internet is to support research and education among academic institutions in the United States by providing access to unique resources and the opportunity for collaborative work. Each user is personally responsible for this provision at all times when using the network.

- a) Use of other organizations' network or computing resources must comply with the rules appropriate for that network.
- b) Transmission of any material in violation of local, state, and/or federal statutes or regulations is strictly prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to: copyrighted material, material protected by trade secret, threatening or obscene material, and criminal activity.
- c) Use for commercial activities by the user is not permitted. Use for product advertisement or political lobbying, including lobbying for student body office, is prohibited.
- d) Do not use the network in any way that would disrupt network use by others.
- e) NEVER reveal personal information, such as your address, phone number, password, or social security number. This also applies to others' personal information or that of organizations.
- f) Use of the network or computer resources to publicly oppose, degrade, or intentionally misrepresent any teachings, beliefs, or practices of the Catholic church are strictly prohibited.

### **Privileges**

The use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges.

### **Network Etiquette**

You are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette (netiquette). These include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a) Be polite. Do not send, or encourage others to send, abusive messages.
- b) Use appropriate language. Remember that you are a representative of your school and district on a non-private network. You may be alone on a computer, but what you say can be viewed around the world. Do not swear, use vulgarities or any other inappropriate language. Illegal activities are strictly forbidden.
- c) All communications and information accessible via the network should be assumed to be private property.

### **Electronic Mail (E-Mail)**

Whenever you send electronic mail, your name and user ID are included in each message. You are responsible for all electronic mail originating from your user ID.