



St. Martin's Lutheran School
Winona, MN

Internet Access

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Students at St. Martin's Lutheran School have the opportunity to use the Internet.

Our intent is to make Internet access available to further educational goals and objectives. We believe that the resources available through the Internet and the skills that students will develop in using it are of significant value in the learning process.

With access to computers all over the world come the benefits of such a resource but also the risk of accessing material that may not be of educational value to a Christian. St. Martin's has taken precautions to block access to inappropriate or controversial sites and materials that are available on the Internet by use of an Internet filter. Teachers will provide training to promote responsible use of the Internet as well as closely supervise all student work on the Internet.

Access to the Internet is given to students who agree to act in a considerate, responsible, and respectful manner. **Parent permission is required.** Access is a privilege - not a right. Access requires responsibility.

Students need to apply Philippians 4:8 to their computer and Internet use. "...Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - If anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things."

It is important that you discuss the content of this letter, the conduct guidelines for the Internet, and the importance of responsible behavior when using computers. Please sign the following agreement and return it to the school office or your child's homeroom teacher. Your child may not use the Internet until the attached form has been signed and returned.

Yours in Christ,

St. Martin's Lutheran School Staff,

Miss Erickson, Mrs. Finke, Mr. Stenklyft, Miss Seltz, Mr. Jacobson,
Mrs. Paszkiewicz, Mrs. Gahnz, Mrs. Russeau, Mr. Banicki, Mr. Lee,
Mr. Finke, Mrs. Forst, Mr. Cloeter, Mrs. Thorn, Pastor Moore



CONDUCT GUIDELINES FOR INTERNET ACCESS

Students will be responsible for their actions and activities while using the computer lab and the Internet at St. Martin's.

1. Technology in the computer lab will be used in ways consistent with our school's philosophy and the Christian faith we profess.
2. The Internet may be used only with teacher permission and under direct teacher supervision.
3. Do NOT give out personal information such as your address, telephone number, parents' work address or telephone number, family e-mail address or the name and location of our school without permission.
4. Do NOT enter CHAT areas. At some sites there may be an opportunity to enter a chat line. You are NOT to do this.
5. News groups are expressly prohibited. The use of mainstream news, such as CNN on line, and the like is allowable, if directed by your teacher.
6. At some sites, there are questionnaires to fill out. You are NOT to do this without permission from your teacher.
7. At some sites, there is advertising. There may be order forms to purchase something. You are NOT to fill out any of these forms.
8. If you arrive at a site that is offensive, use the "BACK" button to leave the site and report it immediately to your teacher.
9. Internet may NOT be used to steal-
 Do NOT violate copyright laws or other contracts.
 Do NOT use the work of others and call it your own.
10. Internet may NOT be used for instant messaging or personal e-mail.

I have read St. Martins conduct guidelines for the Internet. I agree to follow the rules contained in this policy. I understand that if I violate the rules my privileges can be terminated and I may face other disciplinary measures.

Name of Student (Please print)

Student Signature

Date

Grade and Teacher _____

As a parent or legal guardian of the student signing above, I have read St. Martin's conduct guidelines for the Internet and grant permission for my son or daughter to access the Internet. I understand that the school's computing resources are designated for educational purposes. I understand that my son or daughter will be held accountable for violations of this policy. I also understand that there are unacceptable and controversial materials on the Internet that might be accessed despite all the precautions. As the parent or legal guardian of my St. Martin's student, I agree to hold St. Martin's, its staff, and its insurer harmless from any claims of any kind that I or my child may have now or in the future, as a result of my child's use of Internet access provided at St. Martin's

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