

**Internet Safety Policy**  
**Saint Catherine of Siena Catholic School**

**Introduction**

It is the policy of Saint Catherine of Siena Catholic School to:

- A. Prevent user access over its computer network to, or transmission of, inappropriate materials via Internet, electronic mail, or other forms of direct electronic communications;
- B. Prevent unauthorized access and other unlawful online activity;
- C. Prevent unauthorized online disclosure, use, or dissemination of personal identification information of minors;
- D. Comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act. [Pub. L. No. 106-554 and 47 USC 254(h)]

**Access to Inappropriate Materials**

To the extent practical, technology protection measures (or Internet filters) shall be used to block or filter Internet, or other forms of electronic communications, and access to inappropriate information.

Specifically, as required by the Children's Internet Protection Act, blocking shall be applied to visual depictions of materials deemed obscene or child pornography, or to any material deemed harmful to minors.

Subject to staff supervision, technology protection measures may be minimized only for bona fide research or other lawful purposes.

**Inappropriate Network Usage**

To the extent practical, steps shall be taken to promote the safety and security of users of Saint Catherine of Siena Catholic School's online computer network when using electronic mail, chat rooms, instant messaging, and other forms of direct electronic communications.

Specifically, as required by the Children's Internet Protection Act, prevention of inappropriate network usage includes:

- A. Unauthorized access, including so-called "hacking" and other unlawful activities;
- B. Unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors.

### **Education, Supervision, and Monitoring**

It shall be the responsibility of all members of Saint Catherine of Siena Catholic School's staff to educate, supervise, and monitor appropriate usage of online computer network and access to the Internet in accordance with this policy, the Children's Internet Protection Act, and the Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act.

All students will be educated about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms, and cyber bullying awareness and response.

Procedures for disabling or otherwise modifying any technology protection measure shall be the responsibility of the school Technology Director or designee.

### **Adoption**

This Internet Safety Policy was adopted by the Saint Catherine of Siena School Council at a public meeting, following normal notice to our appropriate constituent group, on Month DD, YYYY.