Curriculum 6230

Technology

Technology, including computers and the Internet, has become an essential tool in the education of students beginning at the primary level of education. Every school shall provide access to and training on computers, curriculum software, and the proper use of the Internet as well as other appropriate technology.

Through technology, each student can be connected to a wealth of knowledge and information. The basic objective for the use of technology, computers and the Internet in elementary and secondary education is to support the education of the student. This objective is accomplished by providing students with access to the many and varied resources provided by technology and computer programs ranging from basic typing skills to advanced programs in mathematics, science, writing, theology, religion, research and language arts. Through the use of the Internet, students are enabled to do collaborative work with students around the world as well as research using worldwide databases.

The Diocesan Technology Task Force assists the Diocesan Curriculum Administrators to monitor and update technology in our schools.

 Each school shall formulate and implement its own technology plan consonant with the approved Diocesan plan, including staff development.

Schools will designate a Technology Coordinator to coordinate, monitor and evaluate the overall use of school computers and the Internet.

Students are responsible for good behavior when using school computers and the Internet. Student files on the school computers are considered school property and are fully available to the school staff. The technology administrator for the school may review files and Internet communications to maintain system integrity and ensure that the students are using the technology systems responsibly. No student will have access to school computers and /or the Internet without staff supervision. A student may lose access to school computers and/or the Internet if found in violation of this policy. Restitution for damage to school computers and /or software applications will be the responsibility of the parents/guardians of the student.

Each school is to establish a policy dealing with the use of technology relative to the following points:
- Receiving, displaying, or sending offensive messages and/or pictures
- Using obscene language in communication
- Insulting, harassing or verbally attacking others
- Receiving, displaying or sending offensive, threatening, violent and/or destructive information or pictures on the Internet
- Damaging computer equipment, programs and networks
- Violating copyright laws

- Using another student's password, folders, work, and e-mail
- Using unauthorized access to restricted information
- Playing games other than assigned by a teacher for educational purposes
- Employing school computers and the Internet for commercial purposes.
- Using school computers and the Internet for "chain letters" and messages broadcast to mailing lists or individuals
- Revealing on the Internet one's personal address and/or phone number or the address and/or phone number of any other person without the permission of that person and the permission of the teacher
- Use of "chat rooms" on the Internet, which are morally inappropriate and violate Catholic doctrine and/or moral teaching
- Using "foreign" disks that have not been screened for viruses
- All e-mail messages are the property of the school/organization who are owners of the equipment
- Any other use of technology which would be deemed inappropriate by the school

Posting Information on the Internet

The internet is a public forum with unrestricted access. For this reason, the schools in the diocese restrict permission for the posting of information related to the school, the staff, and students on the internet. No person is permitted to use images of the school, the school logo or seal, school staff or students in any form on the internet or in any form of electronic communication without specific written permission from the school administration. The posting of any such information on any website, bulletin board, chat-room, e-mail, or other messaging system without permission, or posting or transmission of images or information in any format related to the school, staff or students that are defamatory, scurrilous, pornographic, or which could be construed as threatening or impugning the character of another person is prohibited and will make any person involved in the posting or transmission of such subject to disciplinary action deemed appropriate by the administration of the school, or by the diocese.

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