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St. Paul Lutheran School Internet Policy  
Parent Consent Form

TO: John Maxwell

FROM: Parent or legally responsible person for \_\_\_\_\_

I have received a copy of the St. Paul Lutheran School Student Internet Use Policy and the Rules of Appropriate Use for Students.

**INTERNET USE**

Please check one of the following:

- I give permission for my child to use the St. Paul Lutheran School computers to access the Internet for educational purposes.
- I do not give permission for my child to use St. Paul Lutheran School computers to access the Internet for educational purposes.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **St. Paul Lutheran School Student Internet Use Policy**

We are pleased to offer St. Paul Lutheran School student's access to the Internet to support educational activities. To gain access to the Internet, all students must receive permission from their parents or guardians as indicated by their signature on the St. Paul Lutheran School Internet Policy Parent Consent Form.

If a parent prefers that a student have no Internet access, use of the computers is still possible for more traditional purposes such as word processing.

### **The Internet and your child**

Access to the Internet will enable students to explore thousands of libraries, databases, museums, and other repositories of information.

Students and their families need to be aware that St. Paul Lutheran School cannot control the content of the information that is available on the Internet. While St. Paul Lutheran School's teachers intend to use Internet resources for constructive educational goals, students may find ways to access other materials. We believe the value and educational benefits of the information outweighs the possibility that students may find inappropriate material. In an effort to minimize inappropriate content being found, the student computers at St. Paul Lutheran School are set up with default kid-friendly search engines. Additionally, all Internet requests are sent through a router that has been set up to filter content that may be inappropriate.

Teachers are aware that St. Paul Lutheran School students must be monitored at all times when they are using the Internet to research information and we will teach our students responsible use of the Internet. Ultimately, however, parents and guardians of minor children are responsible for setting and communicating the standards that their children should follow when using media and information sources. Therefore, we support and respect each family's right to decide whether or not to apply for access.

St. Paul Lutheran School teachers, parents, and students should be aware that access to the Internet can be temporarily or permanently withdrawn from students who do not respect the rights of others or who do not follow the rules and regulations established by St. Paul Lutheran School. To help our students understand appropriate internet use and online behavior, we will offer class instruction about appropriate online behavior, including interaction with others on social networking websites and in chat rooms, cyberbullying awareness, and appropriate responses to cyberbullying.

Although St. Paul Lutheran School students do not have access to social networking websites and chat rooms on our computers, we believe it is important for our students to be educated on this important topic, since cyberbullying has become a widespread phenomenon among young computer users.

**St. Paul Lutheran School**  
**Rules of Appropriate Use for Students**

1. Students should practice Internet behavior that is safe, kind, and appropriate.
2. Students must ask their teacher's permission to access the Internet. At St. Paul Lutheran School, a teacher must be present when a student is using the Internet.
3. Students must respect the privacy of other network users.
4. Students must use appropriate language.
5. Students must treat computers and software with respect.
6. Students must use only software that the school provides.
7. Students must respect copyright laws.
8. Students must notify an adult immediately, if by accident, they encounter materials that violate the rules of appropriate use.
9. Students will be held accountable for their actions and should be prepared for the loss of privileges if the Rules of Appropriate Use are violated.

These are guidelines to follow to prevent the loss of Internet privileges at St. Paul Lutheran School.

1. NEVER give out personal information such as your home address or telephone number over the Internet.
2. Do not view, send or display offensive messages or pictures.
3. Do not use offensive language – this includes any user names you may set up to use an online resource.
4. Do not use another's password.
5. Do not waste limited resources such as disk space or printing supplies.
6. Don't order any products or services for which a charge is imposed.
7. Don't damage computers, operating systems, or computer systems.