

Immaculate Heart of Mary School Diocese of Cleveland

Junior High Student Acceptable Use Policy

Immaculate Heart of Mary School makes a variety of communication and information technologies available to students through computer/network/Internet access. These technologies, when properly used, promote educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication. Illegal, unethical or inappropriate use of these technologies can have dramatic consequences, harming the school, its students and its employees. The Acceptable Use Policy is intended to minimize the likelihood of such harm by educating Immaculate Heart of Mary's students and setting standards that will serve to protect the school. We firmly believe that digital resources, information and interaction available on the computer, network or Internet far outweigh any disadvantages.

Definition of school technology system: The school systems and networks (system) are any configuration of hardware and software. The system includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- telephones, cellular telephones, and voicemail technologies;
- email accounts;
- servers;
- computer hardware and peripherals;
- software including operating system software and application software;
- digitized information including stored text, data files, email, digital images, and video and audio files;
- internally or externally accessed databases, applications, or tools (Internet- or District-server based);
- school provided Internet access;
- school filtered public Wi-Fi; and
- new technologies as they become available.

Acceptable Use: Students are responsible for appropriate behavior on the school's computer network just as they are in a classroom or on a school playground. Communications on the network are often public in nature. General school rules for behavior and communications apply. It is expected that users will comply with school standards and the specific rules set forth below as interpreted from this policy. The use of the network is a privilege, not a right, and may be revoked if abused. The user is personally responsible for his/her actions in accessing and utilizing the school's computer resources in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

Privilege: Access to the Immaculate Heart of Mary's computer/network/Internet is a privilege, not a right.

Access to communication system: Access to the school's electronic communications system, including the Internet, shall be made available to students for instructional purposes. Each school computer/device and Wi-Fi has filtering software that blocks access to visual deceptions that are obscene, pornographic, inappropriate for students, or harmful to minors as defined by the federal Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA). Filtered Internet access is provided to students as defined by CIPA.

Inappropriate Use: Inappropriate use includes, but is not limited to, those uses that are specifically named as violations in this document; that violate the rules of network etiquette; or that hamper the integrity or security of this computer/network/Internet system or any components that are connected to it.

Transmission of any material in violation of any federal or state law is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to:

- cyber bullying;
- threatening, pornographic, harassing, defamatory or obscene material;
- other inappropriate use of technology such as e-mail, social networking, web pages, blog posts, web posts, or discussion forum/replies posted to the Internet;
- copyrighted material, plagiarized material or materials protected by trade;
- the use of hardware and/or software which disrupts or interferes with the safety and welfare of the school community (even if such uses take place after school hours or off school property).

Vandalism or Mischief: Tampering with or theft of components from school systems may be regarded as criminal activity under applicable state and federal laws. Any attempt to break the law through the use of a school computer/network/Internet account may result in prosecution against the offender by the proper authorities. If such an event should occur, the school will fully comply with the authorities to provide any information necessary for legal action.

Modification of Computer: Modifying or changing computer/device settings and/or internal or external configurations without appropriate permission is prohibited.

Students Access: Computer/Network/Internet access is provided to all students unless parents or guardian request in writing to the school principal that access is denied. Students' Internet access will be under the direction and guidance of a school staff member. Students must adhere to the following:

1. Respect and protect the privacy of others.
 - a. Use only assigned accounts.
 - b. Decline to view, use, or copy passwords, data, or networks to which they are not authorized.
 - c. Avoid distribution of private information about others or themselves.
2. Respect and protect the integrity, availability, and security of all electronic resources.
 - a. Observe all network security practices as posted.
 - b. Report security risks or violations to a school administrator, teacher or network administrator.
 - c. Refrain from destroying or damaging data, networks, or other resources that do not belong to them without clear permission of the owner.
 - d. Conserve, protect, and share these resources with other students and Internet users.
 - e. Refrain from connecting to the network with personal devices.
 - f. Abstain from overriding the Internet content filtering system.
3. Respect and protect the intellectual property of others.
 - a. Refrain from copyright infringement (making illegal copies of music, games, or movies).
 - b. Avoid plagiarism.
4. Respect and practice the principles of parish and school community.
 - a. Communicate only in ways that are kind and respectful.
 - b. Report threatening or discomfoting materials (cyber bullying) to a school administrator, teacher or network administrator.
 - c. Refuse to access, transmit, copy, or create material that violates the school's code of conduct (such as messages that are pornographic, threatening, rude, discriminatory, or meant to harass).
 - d. Avoid accessing, transmitting, copying, or creating material that is illegal (such as obscenity, stolen materials, or illegal copies of copyrighted works).
 - e. Abstain from using the resources to further other acts that are criminal or violate the school's code of conduct.
 - f. Avoid sending spam, chain letters, or other mass unsolicited mailings.

- g. Refrain from buying, selling, advertising, or otherwise conducting business, unless approved as a school project.
- h. Avoid posting or disseminating any harassing, demeaning, threatening or immoral comment or visual injurious to the reputation of the school, the parish, the Church or an individual, whether the action occurs on school property or off grounds.

School Email and Communication tools: Email and other digital tools such as, but not limited to, blogs and wikis are tools used to communicate. The use of these communication tools should be limited to instructional, school related activities; or administrative needs. All communications within these tools should adhere to the above mentioned rules.

Subject to Monitoring: All Immaculate Heart of Mary network/Internet usage shall **not be considered confidential and is subject to monitoring** by designated staff at any time to ensure appropriate use. All electronic files, including email messages, transmitted through or stored in the computer system, will be treated no differently than any other electronic file. Immaculate Heart of Mary reserves the right to access, review, copy, modify, delete or disclose such files for any purpose. Students should treat the computer system like a shared or common file system with the expectation that electronic files, sent, received or stored anywhere in the computer system, will be available for review by any authorized representative of Immaculate Heart of Mary for any purpose. Personal telecommunication devices are subject to examination in accordance with disciplinary guidelines if there is reason to believe that the Acceptable Use Policy has been violated.

Consequences for Violation: **Violations of these rules may result in disciplinary action which may include the loss of a student's privileges to use the school's information technology resources.** Users have the responsibility to use technology resources in an appropriate manner. Consequences of misuse or abuse of these resources will be disciplined depending on the severity of the situation. In addition to school disciplinary action appropriate legal action may be taken.

Supervision and Monitoring: School and network administrators and their authorized employees periodically monitor the use of information technology resources to help ensure that users are secure and in conformity with this policy. Students have no expectation of privacy with respect to the use of technology resources. Administrators reserve the right to examine, use, and disclose any data found on the school's information networks in order to further the health, safety, discipline, or security of any student or other person, or to protect property. **The school administration has the right of access to any electronic devices brought onto school property.** They may also use this information in disciplinary actions and will furnish evidence of crime to law enforcement should one be committed.

Agreement Form: In order to ensure the proper use of technology resources, it is necessary that each user and parent/guardian *annually* sign the attached Student Acceptable Use Policy – User Agreement Form. The signed form must be on file at Immaculate Heart of Mary before Internet and other technology access is permitted. Signing the form indicates that the user will abide by the rules governing Internet and other technology access as stated in this policy.

The school reserves the right to issue additional or more detailed rules for the use of technology resources, and violations of such rules may be a cause for imposition of any of the penalties delineated above. The school reserves **the right to seek financial restitution** for any damage caused by a student.

Violation of Acceptable Use Policy

- First violation will result in a 1 week loss of all technology privileges including access to the student's Google account and a detention. The student's chromebook will remain locked in the office during this time.
- Second violation will result in a minimum of a 2 week loss of all technology privileges including access to the student's Google account and a detention.. The student's chromebook will remain locked in the office during this time.
- Third violation will result in a minimum of a 2 week loss of all technology privileges including access to the student's Google account (the student's chromebook will remain locked in the office during this time), a meeting with the student, parents, principal, homeroom teachers, and Technology Integration Specialist, a detention, and probationary status for the remainder of the school year.

Chromebook/Google Acceptable Use Policy

The focus of the Chromebook program at Immaculate Heart of Mary School is to help empower students to learn at their full potential and prepare them for the future in a world of digital technology and information. Using the Chromebooks encourages students to solve problems and think critically by stimulating analytical thinking. Technology immersion does not dim the vital role of the teacher in the classroom. It transforms the teacher from a director of learning to a facilitator of learning. Learning with Chromebooks integrates technology into the curriculum anytime, and anyplace. Learning results from the continuous dynamic interaction among students, educators, parents, and the extended community.

The policies, procedures, and information contained in this document apply to all Chromebooks used within Immaculate Heart of Mary School. Administrators and teachers may set additional requirements for computer use within the school and their classrooms.

General Policies

- **Chromebooks, cases, and power cords are the property of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish School.**
- Students and their parents/guardians are responsible for reviewing/signing the Chromebook Acceptable Use Policy and paying a minimal mandatory insurance fee. Insurance is issued through Worth Ave. Group. Students will not be issued a Chromebook until the insurance fee is received.
- **Insurance does not cover intentional damage to the device or damage to the case.** Charges for intentional damage or damage to the case will be the responsibility of the parents.
- Chromebooks are intended for use both at school and at home. Students are responsible for **bringing their Chromebooks home** and to school each day in their protective cases. They should bring the Chromebook to all their classes unless specifically instructed not to do so by their teacher. Students will **not** be permitted to call home if they forget to bring their Chromebook to school.
- All Immaculate Heart of Mary School chromebooks and cases are identified by student name and serial number.
- Chromebooks should not be stored in vehicles or left in unsupervised areas such as the cafeteria, the gym, locker rooms or hallways etc. **If a chromebook is found in an unsupervised area it will be returned to the office by a teacher.**
- Chromebooks must remain in their protective cases at all times.
- Chromebooks and cases must remain free of any writing, drawing, doodling, stickers, or labels that are not the property of Immaculate Heart of Mary School.
- To conserve battery life, Chromebooks should be shut down when not in use.
- No food or drink is allowed next to your Chromebook while it is in use.
- **Chromebooks MAY NOT BE stored on the floor. Students should hang on the back of the chair or place on top of desk.**
- Chromebook screens should be protected:
 - Close the screen before moving it.
 - Do not lean on the top of or put pressure on the Chromebook screen.
 - Do not carry anything in the protective case that will press against the cover.
 - Do not touch or poke the screen. The Chromebook does not have a touch screen.
 - Do not place anything on the keyboard before closing the lid.
 - Clean screens only with an approved wipe. Students may get these from the Technology Specialist.

- Students should keep the Chromebooks muted at all times unless permission is obtained from the teacher for instructional purposes. Headphones may be used at the discretion of the classroom or study hall teacher. Headphones should be kept in the Chromebook case.
- Students will not change the standard IHM desktop and screensaver or otherwise modify their Chromebook.
- Students are not permitted to bring or use any personal electronic devices at school (This includes, but is not limited to, phones, tablets, Kindles, Nooks, laptops, iPods, iPads, etc.) **According to the Student Handbook this includes any school activities until 6:00 p.m.**
- Students will use all school-owned devices (iPads, Chromebooks, laptops, student computers) responsibly, **for educational use only, and only under the direct supervision of a faculty or staff member. Students should ASK before using the Chromebook for anything other than what a teacher has directed them to do in class. This includes Internet searching, checking grades or email, taking AR quizzes, etc.**
- Students will use their Google Account responsibly and for educational use only. This includes following the Acceptable Use Policy **regardless of where the device is being used.**
- Students are encouraged to create, explore, collaborate, and learn appropriately!
- Students will **only** use their school issued Google account to log onto any device at school (iPad, student computer, lab computer, laptop). **No other person should be allowed to use/log into a student's chromebook.**
- Students will not share or change their passwords.
- Students are NOT permitted to install apps **or change settings** on the school owned Chromebook or any other school owned device (laptop, iPad, computer). All necessary apps will be synced to the device remotely with no interruption to the student by the Technology Integration Specialist.
- Students must use appropriate language and etiquette in all forms of electronic communication.
- Students are required to give credit where credit is due (follow copyright laws).
- **Students are not to take or store any photos** of themselves or classmates on their Google Drive or on any school-owned device unless explicitly approved by a teacher.
- Student accounts will be monitored by Immaculate Heart of Mary School. There should be no expectation of complete privacy on a school-owned device using a school-managed account. **Students are not allowed to clear their history or any part of their history. Doing so will be handled as a violation of the AUP and result in loss of privileges.**
- We encourage and expect students to ask questions if they are not sure about a choice they make.
- At the end of the school year, all chromebooks will be returned to school for summer updating and storage.

Charging Your Chromebook

Chromebooks must be brought to school each day in a fully charged condition. Students are responsible for charging their Chromebook battery each evening with the enclosed Chromebook power cord to assure proper battery life during the day. A fully charged battery will last from 6 - 8 hours.

Non-Functioning Chromebooks

Chromebooks that are broken or not working correctly should be brought to Mrs. Conti, in the office, **immediately**. Repairs take from 4 to 6 weeks to complete.

Saving Documents

Students will be logging into the Immaculate Heart of Mary School Google Apps for Education (GAFE) domain and saving documents to their @ihmgradeschool.org accounts. With each student GAFE log in, the student can access his/her

schoolwork from any computer that has internet access. It is recommended that they use the Chrome browser. Students have been given their login credentials.

Printing

- At School: Printing will be available on a limited basis at school only and subject to classroom and teacher requirements. Teaching strategies that teachers use in their classrooms will encourage and facilitate digital copies of some schoolwork.
- At Home: The Chromebook will not support a physical printer connection (no printer cables). Instead, students may print at home, as needed, using Google Cloud Print Service. A wireless home network and wireless printer is required for this. See <http://google.com/cloudprint> for further details.

Software on Chromebooks

Immaculate Heart of Mary Chromebooks are managed devices. All software and apps on the Chromebooks will be installed and managed wirelessly through Immaculate Heart of Mary School. **Students will not be able to install additional apps or extensions on their Chromebooks.** Additional software will be installed wirelessly as it is recommended and approved by teachers and school administrators. Please note: virus protection is unnecessary on the Chromebook due to the unique nature of its design. Also, please note that Internet content on the Chromebook will be filtered through the school IHM-Student wireless network while in use at school. **At home, you will be responsible for filtering Internet content through your own wireless connection or via parental supervision.**

Students and their parents/guardians are reminded that use of technology is a privilege and not a right and that everything done on any device, network, or electronic communication device may be monitored by the school administration.

Inappropriate use of the technology may result in notification of parents, receiving a failing grade, limited or banned computer use or internet access, disciplinary consequences, removal from school, and/or legal action as set forth in the school Acceptable Use Policy.

End of the Year Return Policy

All students will return their chromebooks on May 22nd (8th grade) & 27th (7th grade), 2020. Chromebooks will be inspected by the Technology Integration Specialist in the presence of the student. Please note, students are required to report any damage to their Chromebooks or cases immediately to the Technology Integration Specialist. Therefore, at the time of turn-in, there should be no surprises. However, if a student has not reported damage, the student/family will be responsible for payment of any damages to the Chromebook and/or case by May 28, 2020.

Violation of Chromebook/Google Acceptable Use Policy:

1. First offense of any chromebook policy violation (particularly but not limited to those listed below) will be a verbal warning.
 - a. Not charged
 - b. Not being carried properly (with shoulder strap)
 - c. Accessing websites without teacher permission
 - d. Left at home, in another room, or an unsupervised area
 - e. Left on the floor
2. A second offense will result in a demerit.
3. All subsequent offenses will result in demerits and/or detentions according to the Student Handbook (3 demerits=detention)
4. These demerits/detentions accumulate for the entire year.

Probationary Student Privileges: To protect the assets of the Immaculate Heart of Mary School, some students will be required to turn in their Chromebooks at the end of each school day. A designated teacher will secure the equipment during the evening and the student will be allowed to check it back out on a daily basis. Students who will be included as probationary will be the following:

- Students who have repeatedly violated the Acceptable Use Policy
- Students who have damaged their Chromebook, or that of another student, and have not paid for the necessary repairs/replacement, if not covered under insurance coverage.



Remember: Stop and think before you click!



Any questions, comments, or concerns should be directed to Mrs. Conti, Technology Integration Specialist, at jconti@ihmgradeschool.org or 330.923.1220 ext. 1210.

PLEASE SIGN, DETACH, AND RETURN THIS FORM BY
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2019

USER AGREEMENT / PARENT PERMISSION FORM
Both Signatures Required

Student Signature Section:

- I have read the terms and conditions of the:
 1. **Student Acceptable Use Policy,**
 2. **Chromebook/Google Acceptable Use Policy**

- I understand that technological resources are provided for educational purposes only.

- I agree to abide by the terms and conditions stated in the **Student Acceptable Use Policy and the Chromebook/Google Acceptable Use Policy..** Additionally, I will be responsible for the consequences of inappropriate use of technology, including the Internet, both on and off school property. I understand that consequences may include revocation of privileges to access the Internet and/or other technological resources, and/or other disciplinary actions such as demerit, detention, suspension, expulsion, and possible legal action.

Student Name (print): _____

School: Immaculate Heart of Mary

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Grade: _____

Homeroom: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature Section:

As the parent or legal guardian of the student signing above, I have read this **Student Acceptable Use Policy and the Chromebook/Google Acceptable Use Policy**, have discussed these policies in their entirety with my child, and grant permission for him/her to access Immaculate Heart of Mary school's information technology resources. I understand that my child will be held liable for violations of this agreement. I understand that Immaculate Heart of Mary school's information technology resources are intended for educational purposes. I also understand that my child's school may not be able to restrict access to all controversial materials, and I will not hold Immaculate Heart of Mary responsible for materials acquired on the network.

Parent/Guardian Name (print): _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

_____ **By checking this line, I indicate that I understand that the Chromebook Insurance Fee of \$40 will be charged via FACTS incidental billing.**