

# ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

## ST. CATHERINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Dear Parent,

St. Catherine School is equipped to utilize the Internet. This tool opens up a vast array of resources for students and staff. The sole purpose for this tool is to enrich and enhance the curriculum by widening the resources for any given subject area.

Sendit is North Dakota's Educational Network. St. Catherine is one of the members. Your children are eligible to use the electronic mail service (e-mail) if you want. The Internet is a system of networks that continue to become the communication and information highway of tomorrow. As your children grow in their educational career, they will have many opportunities to be exposed to the numerous resources on the World Wide Web (www). While this tool can be very useful to the user, it can also be abused and thus expose the students to adult content that can be objectionable. We do not encourage access to such content but cannot guarantee that we will be able to completely limit access to such material.

Since we are an elementary school, our children will be going on to Junior High and Senior High in another school. If it is in Valley city, the children will continue to be exposed to the uses of this global information network. We believe that we need to continue to use tools available to make sure our children are equipped to enter the upper grades in our public schools. The Internet is but one of those tools.

Before we let the students have access to this educational tool, we want your permission and we want you and the students to understand what responsibilities they have while engaging this educational tool.

**Vandalism** – Students will be responsible for any malicious attempts to harm or destroy equipment or materials, data of another use or other networks that are connected to the Internet. This includes, but is not limited to, the downloading, uploading or creating of computer viruses. Any user identified as causing this type of vandalism may have access privileges revoked or suspended.

**Liability** – St. Catherine School assumes no responsibility or liability for any membership or phone charges including, but not limited to, long distance charges, per minute surcharges, and/or equipment or line costs incurred. Users and parents of the users assume full responsibility or liability for such charges.

**Chat Room Ban** – Unless either the Principal or Classroom Teacher gives specific permission, no student may enter these chat rooms, while using school equipment.

**Network Online Etiquette** – E-mail messages must not contain inappropriate language and should be composed off line in order to reduce unnecessary network traffic.

**Suspension** – Prior to suspending a student from use of this tool, Parents, Student, Classroom Teacher and Principal will discuss the reasons for the possible suspension.

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### Student Consent Signature

I have read and understand the Acceptable Use Policy. I agree to follow the policies.

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Please Print: Last Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
First Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### Parent Consent Signature

I have read and understand the Acceptable Use Policy. I do want my child to participate in Sendit and have access to the Internet.

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Parent or Guardian Signature

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Date

### Parent Denial Signature

I have read and understand the Acceptable Use Policy. I do not want my child to participate in Sendit or have access to the Internet.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**This form must be returned to the school office and will be kept in the student's cumulative file until the student graduates. If, at any time, you wish to make changes, please contact the school office.**