



## **Internet–Acceptable Use Agreement 2008-2009**

Holy Angels Academy is pleased to bring Internet access to our students and teachers; and we believe that the Internet offers vast, diverse, and unique resources to facilitate learning. Our goal in providing this service is to promote educational excellence within our academic program by building resource sharing, innovation, and communication.

With access to computers and unlimited sources of information, the availability of material that may not be considered to be of educational value in the context of the school setting is a serious concern for administrators and teachers. Holy Angels Academy has taken precautions to restrict access to inappropriate materials. However, on a global network, it is impossible to control all materials and an industrious user may discover information that she should not have at her disposal. Holy Angels Academy believes that the value of Internet access to students far outweighs this risk.

The smooth operation of the Internet relies upon the proper conduct of the users, who must adhere to strict guidelines. In general, this requires efficient, ethical and legal utilization of the network resources. If a student-user violates any of these guidelines listed below, her access will be terminated and future access could be denied. The signatures at the end of this document indicate that the parents and students have read the terms and conditions carefully and understand and agree with their significance.

### **Internet–Terms and Conditions**

1. **Acceptable Use:** The purpose of Internet access is to support research and education in and among academic institutions in the United States by providing access to unique resources and the opportunity for collaborative work. Internet use must be in support of education and research and consistent with the educational objectives of this school. Transmission of any material in violation of any federal or state regulation is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to: copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material, or material protected by trade secret. Use for commercial activities is generally not acceptable. Use for product advertisement or political lobbying is also prohibited.
2. **Privileges:** The use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right; and inappropriate use will result in the revocation of those privileges. The Principal will deem what is inappropriate use.
3. **Network Etiquette:** Users are expected to abide by these rules of etiquette:
  - a. Be polite. Do not be abusive in your messages to others.
  - b. Use appropriate language. Do not swear, use vulgarities or any other inappropriate language.
  - c. Be respectful of all computer hardware and software. Handle all equipment with care.
  - d. School computers are not to be used for personal reasons but only for academic and educational purposes.
  - e. Using Myspace or Facebook and the like, where individual web pages are created to display personal photographs, post information, or communicate with friends are not allowed in school.



- f. Listening to music/watching videos is not allowed on school computers.
  - g. Use of personal computers in school is subject to the same rules and regulations applied to school-owned computers and their use must adhere to educational/academic purposes only. The school is not responsible for lost or stolen property.
4. Each classroom has at least one computer for instructional use. Students may not use classroom computers unless a teacher is present in the room.
5. Cyberbullying is absolutely forbidden. Cyberbullying is when a person is tormented, threatened, harassed, humiliated, embarrassed or otherwise targeted by another person using the Internet, interactive and digital technologies or mobile phones.

**Agreement for Internet Use:**

**For the Student:**

I understand and abide by the Internet Use Agreement. I further understand that any violation of the regulations above is unethical and may constitute a criminal offense. Should I commit any violation, my access may be revoked, school disciplinary action taken, and/or appropriate legal action pursued.

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Print Name

Signature of Student

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Class Year

**For the Parent or Guardian:**

As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read the Internet Use Agreement. I understand that this access is designed for only educational purposes. Holy Angels Academy has taken precautions to eliminate controversial or inappropriate material. However, I recognize that it is impossible for the school to restrict access to all controversial or inappropriate materials, and I will not hold them or any Internet Service Provider responsible for materials acquired on the school's Internet.

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Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian