



DECATS 2009

ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

FOR THE USE OF COMPUTERS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Students are responsible for appropriate behavior on St. Rose of Lima's computer network just as they are in the classroom. General school rules regarding proper conduct apply to students using computers. The use of computer resources is a privilege, not a right. If the privilege is abused, it may be revoked, and additional disciplinary actions may be applied.

The user will be personally responsible for his / her actions in accessing St. Rose of Lima and DECATS computer resources. The user will be personally responsible for his / her actions when using school / DECATS equipment to access resources outside of the school network. Computer storage space is treated in the same fashion as school lockers: administrators and technical support personnel may review computer content to maintain system integrity and ensure that students are using the system responsibly. These routine searches may occur at any time for any reason. The following defines the terms for usage of computers and telecommunications at DECATS at St. Rose of Lima.

1. The computer hardware and software at St. Rose of Lima are the property of St. Rose of Lima Catholic School and DeBusk Enrichment Center for Academically Talented Scholars. Computer hardware, software, and network configuration are not to be modified in any manner. Changing of computer configuration includes, but is not limited to, changes made through the Control Panel of the Microsoft Windows Operating System. The copying of St. Rose of Lima / DECATS computer software constitutes theft.
2. DECATS reserves the exclusive right to represent itself on the Internet. The DECATS name and all web contents, including, but not limited to, any descriptions, graphics, and photographs, are the sole property of DECATS and may not be used in any form without express written permission from the administration of DECATS.
3. Students and staff are expressly prohibited from creating, maintaining, and / or contributing to any website that purports to contain information concerning DECATS at St. Rose of Lima, any of its courses, practices, activities, or personnel.
4. Students may not attempt to access or alter the main network operating system or the computer storage space of another individual. Sharing passwords is forbidden.

5. Computers are to be used solely for bona-fide educational research and composition purposes. They are not under any circumstance to be used as a communication device. This includes, but is not limited to, accessing chat rooms, message boards, web or personal email accounts, net messaging, or instant messaging systems. The playing of games is expressly forbidden. The downloading and storing of MP3s, movies, and / or videos is also not allowed.
6. Accessing websites which feature inappropriate material is also expressly forbidden. Inappropriate material can be defined as, but is not limited to, content containing material of a sexually explicit nature, online auctions, and web shopping. Except in the very rare cases of legitimate research, websites that advocate violence, racism, or illegal activities of any type will also be considered inappropriate. Any inappropriate material received innocently should be reported immediately to the supervising mentor.
7. Permission to transfer files by any means between home and St. Rose of Lima must be approved by the Communications Director. This includes, but is not limited to, transfer by means of the Internet and any media form (floppy, CD-ROM, etc).
8. Students may not load, download, or install any type of software for any reason without the express consent of the computer lab supervisor.
9. Only DECATS usernames and passwords are to be used while DECATS is in session. Students are not permitted at any time to use any network account issued by St. Rose of Lima to log on to any computer on campus. Students also may not use logon criterion of his / her parents who are employees at St. Rose of Lima. Students must be logged on to the network by a DECATS mentor, and the computer terminal will always be supervised while accessing computer resources.

The consequences of violation of these usage policies include the full range of disciplinary measures and the imposition of monetary fines to compensate St. Rose of Lima and DECATS for the time and materials necessary to repair any damage caused by the student.

By entering your name below where specified, you agree to the terms listed above in the DECATS Acceptable Use Policy for the Use of Computers and Telecommunications. You understand that the purpose of this agreement is to allow you / your Scholar to fully utilize St. Rose of Lima and DECATS computer resources in a safe manner. You recognize the need for each of these standards and understand that violation of these standards includes consequences listed in this contract.