

# Computer Use Policy

St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic School has a stringent computer use policy which will be enforced at all times. We expect our students to:

1. Recognize that all computer users have the same right to use the equipment; therefore, do not use computers for non academic activities when others require them for academic purposes.
2. Recognize that computers are for academic purposes and games will not be played unless given permission by a teacher.
3. Recognize that software is copyright protected: therefore, do not make unauthorized copies, and or give, lend or sell copies of software without written permission of the copyright owner, or the original software is obtained and is clearly identified as shareware or public domain.
4. Recognize that all user's work is valuable. Please protect the privacy of others by obtaining passwords, reading, copying or changing their files without prior permission. Do not attempt to gain unauthorized access to system programs or computer equipment.
5. No use of the network shall serve to disrupt the use of others; hardware or software shall not be destroyed, modified, or abused in any way.
6. Malicious use of the network to develop programs that harass other users or infiltrate computing systems and/or damage software components is prohibited.
7. No use of live chat unless approved by a teacher.
8. Computer Etiquette - You are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These include (but are not limited to) the following:
  - a. Be polite. Do not get abusive in your messages to others.
  - b. Use appropriate language and graphics. Illegal activities are strictly forbidden.
  - c. Do not reveal any personal information of yourself, other students, or teachers.
  - d. Note that electronic e-mail is not guaranteed to be private. The System Administrator has access to all files. Messages relating or supporting illegal activities may be reported to the authorities.
  - e. Do not use the network in such a way that you would disrupt the network for other users.
  - f. All communications and information accessible via the network should be assumed to be private property.
9. Violations of the Acceptable Use Policy described above will be dealt with accordingly.