



If students are to be productive members of the 21st Century workplace, they must move beyond the skills of the 20th Century and master those of the 21st Century. The characteristics of the 21st Century classroom will be very different from those of the classrooms in the past because the focus is on producing students who are highly productive, effective communicators, inventive thinkers, and masters of technology.

During your children's formative years at the elementary and secondary levels, an understanding of technology including Web 2.0 tools will be used that will assist them in their learning over the course of their school experience. New tools arise every day. Some common tools that your children may encounter and use are, but are not limited to:

- Elluminate Live! Now called Blackboard Collaborate is a **virtual web-conferencing and collaboration** tool that allows individuals to "meet" in a virtual space to talk and share content.
- Blogs - A **blog** is a website where student work can be published online. It is also a tool often used for collaboration and communication among students and teachers. "Blog" can also be used as a verb, meaning *to maintain or add content to a blog*.
- Google Apps: A online suite of productivity and digital tools
- Wikis - A **wiki** is a website that allows visitors to add, remove, and edit content online.
- Podcasts - A **podcast** is a digital audio file that is distributed over the Internet for playback on portable media players (such as .mp3 players) and personal computers.
- Videos – a **video** is a recording displaying moving images and audios. Digital video files can incorporate photos, voiceovers and music.
- Social bookmarking - **Social bookmarking** is a way for internet users to store, classify, share and search Internet bookmarks.
- Really Simple Syndication - **RSS** is used to publish frequently updated content such as blog entries, news headlines, or podcasts. It allows users to "subscribe" to internet content. A commonly used tool for RSS is Google Reader.

Also your child's image may be used in a photo or video posted on:

- School website and/or communications
- Archdiocesan or Office of Catholic Education website and/or communications
- Parish website and/or communication

Your child's safety and security are our number one priority. All websites and tools have been and will continue to be thoroughly examined by experienced educators and are used commonly in education today. The Acceptable Use Policy for Technology is posted on our Archdiocesan website. <http://www.catholicschools-phl.org/about-oce/technology>.

Please review the permission form below and complete it so that we are aware of your expectations as a parent of a child(ren) in our school. Thank you.

**Parental Permission Form
General Technology Use including
Web 2.0, Online Collaboration, Photos and Media Release**

<input type="checkbox"/> I grant permission for my child to sign up for a personal account on approved educational sites and in accordance with site and school guidelines.
<input type="checkbox"/> I grant permission for my child to use his/her school created student email address or a teacher created class account when signing up for accounts.
<input type="checkbox"/> I grant permission for my child's work to be published on the school web site, the classroom wiki, and/or on other student classroom sites as prescribed by the teacher.
<input type="checkbox"/> I grant permission for my child's photo to be published on the school web site, the classroom wiki, and/or on the other classroom sites as prescribed by the teacher. When photos are used in almost all cases names are not included. Names will be included with photos rarely and only in cases where there is special recognition such as with academic or sport awards/recognition..
<input type="checkbox"/> I grant permission for my child's photo to be published in the school newsletter, in the local newspapers, the Catholic Standard and Times, on school brochures, printed materials and the Archdiocesan website.
<input type="checkbox"/> I give permission for my child's photo to be posted on the school or Archdiocesan website or social network page associated with the work of the classroom.
<input type="checkbox"/> I give permission to the school to permit my child to participate in supervised interviews with the news media concerning events related to the school and its programs.

I have read, understand, and agree to all of the above

Student's Name:	Grade:
Parent's Name:	
Parent Signature:	Date:

<input type="checkbox"/> I grant permission for my work to be published on the school web site, classroom wiki, and/or on other classroom sites as prescribed by the teacher.
<input type="checkbox"/> I grant permission for my work to be published in the local newspaper and on school promotional materials

Student's Signature _____ Date _____



Responsible Use of Technology Student Contract

The Purpose of this Policy is to protect the students of St. Joseph School from illegal or damaging actions by individuals, either knowingly or unknowingly. Inappropriate use of technology exposes St. Joseph School to risks including the safety of its students, virus attacks, compromise of network systems and services, and legal issues. This policy applies to ALL equipment used on parish premises, regardless of ownership.

I understand that when I am using the Internet or any technology device, I must adhere to all rules of courtesy, etiquette and laws regarding the copying of information as prescribed by either federal, state or local laws, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and St. Joseph School, including, but not limited to:

- Not to use any computer or device without faculty approval and supervision
- Not to access inappropriate or objectionable material on the Internet
- Not to use inappropriate language
- Not to use copyrighted material
- Not to damage, misuse or mishandle technology
- Not to move, repair, reconfigure, or modify systems and equipment
- Not to attempt to circumvent security or gain access to secured resources
- Not to remove, delete or destroy files
- Not to bring cell phones, IPODs, MP3 players or any technology device to school unless explicit permission is given by the Principal
- Not to engage in Instant Messaging, text messaging, chat rooms or access email accounts

My signature below and that of my parent(s) or guardian(s) mean that I agree to follow the guidelines of this Responsible Use of Technology Policy at St. Joseph School. I also understand that any violation of these rules may result in loss of technology privileges or disciplinary and/or legal action, as determined by school administration.

Student Name(s)

Student Signature(s)

Date

PARENT OR GUARDIAN: We ask that you review this policy with your child(ren) and sign this Student Contract.

I hereby release St. Joseph School and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, its personnel and any other institutions with which it is affiliated, from any and all claims and damages of any nature arising from my child(ren)'s use of, or inability to use, any technology device on parish property.

I will instruct my child regarding the appropriate use of technology and the Internet. I will emphasize to my child(ren) the importance of following rules for personal safety and the safety of the entire school community.

As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read the Responsible Use Policy for St. Joseph School. I hereby give my permission for my child(ren) to use the Internet and will not hold St. Joseph School or the Archdiocese responsible liable as a result of my child(ren)'s use of the Internet and technology devices on school premises. I understand that my child(ren) has agreed to comply with all of the above restrictions.

Parent/Guardian Name

Signature

Date