

SAMS ACADEMY

ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

COMPUTER, NETWORK, E-MAIL, INTERNET AND CELL PHONE USE FOR

PRINT Student Name

The SAMS Academy is a leader in implementing innovative and researched-based strategies and educational programs. The computer-based delivery of curriculum and access to the latest computer software and hardware innovations in conjunction with anytime world-wide web access has moved the SAMS Academy to the forefront of technology education. Access to the curriculum via the internet frees students from the restraints of the traditional classroom. Instruction becomes an individual experience for students who are able to pursue a self-directed education.

The purpose of the SAMS Academy in providing Internet access is to facilitate research and education. The Directors are cognizant that freedom of expression is an inalienable human right and the foundation for self-government. Freedom of expression encompasses the right to freedom of speech and the corollary right to receive information. Such rights extend to minors as well as adults. Schools facilitate the exercise of these rights by providing access to information regardless of format or technology. In a free and democratic society, access to information is a fundamental right of citizenship.

While it is the SAMS Academy' intent to make the Internet available in order to further educational goals, parents and guardians should be aware that some material accessible via the Internet may contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate and offensive. Although the SAMS Academy will monitor and regulate student use and access to the Internet, this regulation cannot guarantee compliance with the Acceptable Use Policy. Ultimately parents and guardians of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the acceptable standards for their children.

The accounts provided by the SAMS Academy should be used only for educational purposes. If a student is uncertain about whether a particular use of the computer network or the Internet is appropriate, he or she should consult a teacher or staff member. E-mail may be used for all correspondence, private or school related, provided the student complies with the provisions listed below.

The following uses of the accounts provided by SAMS are unacceptable, and may result in disciplinary action as determined by the SAMS Staff:

- I. Uses that violate any state or federal law or municipal ordinance are unacceptable. Unacceptable uses include, but are not limited to the following:
 - 1) Selling or purchasing any illegal substance, medications, or stolen property.
 - 2) Accessing, transmitting, or downloading all types of pornography, obscene depictions, harmful materials, or materials that encourage others to violate the law.
 - 3) Transmitting or downloading confidential information or copyrighted materials.

- II. Uses that involve the accessing, transmitting or downloading of inappropriate materials on the Internet as determined by SAMS or other authorities.
 - 1) Accessing the Internet or e-mail during inappropriate or scheduled class times, as determined by staff.
 - 2) Uses that involve using non-school email accounts via school computers.

- 3) Uses that cause harm to others or damage to their property are unacceptable. Unacceptable uses include, but are not limited to the following.
 - Deleting, copying, modifying, or forgoing other users' e-mails, files, or data.
 - Accessing another User's e-mail.
 - Damaging or potentially damaging computer equipment, files, data or the network.
 - Using profane, abusive, or impolite language during on-line communication.
 - Threatening, harassing, or making defamatory or false statements about others.
 - Accessing, transmitting or downloading harmful files or programs.
 - Using any computer to pursue hacking, internal or external to the school, or attempting to access information that is protected by privacy laws.

- III. Uses that jeopardize access or lead to unauthorized access into accounts or other computer networks are unacceptable. Unacceptable uses include, but are not limited to the following:
 - 1) Using other users' account passwords or identifiers.
 - 2) Disclosing one's account password to other users or allowing other users to use one's accounts.
 - 3) Accessing other users' Accounts or other computer networks.
 - 4) Interfering with other user's ability to access their Accounts.

The SAMS Academy is not responsible for any claims, losses, damages, costs, or other obligations arising from the unauthorized use of the accounts. SAMS also denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of the information obtained through the Internet account. Any statement, accessible on the computer network or the Internet, is understood to be the author's individual point of view and not that of SAMS, its affiliates, or employees. Account users are responsible for any losses sustained by SAMS or its affiliates, resulting from the Account users' intentional misuse of the accounts.

SAMS Cell Phone/Electronic Device Use

Students may carry cell phones/electronic devices at their own risk. The SAMS Academy are not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged phones and devices. Students may use cell phones/electronic devices BEFORE and AFTER school, and during school RECESS, BREAKS and LUNCH ONLY. Students may not use cell phones/electronic devices during any class, school assemblies, and other special events. Cell phones/electronic devices must not disrupt the educational process and/or school activities. Cell phones/electronic devices must be turned off during instructional time. The SAMS Academy reserves the right to confiscate cell phones/electronic devices from students who violate the cell phone/electronic device policy. Parents will be notified to pick up the student's confiscated cell phone/electronic device from the school. Repeated violations of this policy may result in disciplinary action.

This Acceptable Use Policy complies with federal and state telecommunication rules and regulations.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date