

Responsible Use of Technology Agreement for Students

The Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board (SMCDSB) offers a wide range of technology to enhance teaching and learning in our schools. To that end, we have a policy and accompanying procedure which outlines our expectations of students when using board technology.

The Board's policy (Policy Number LE25) states:

It is the policy of the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board to provide and maintain Internet and information communication technology access in support of responsible and safe use by students, teachers, board staff and other users in a manner that is consistent with the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations, the Board's multi-year strategic plan, the Board's mission and vision statements, Catholic virtues and values, Ministry of Education guidelines and with all federal and provincial laws and regulations.

For educational purposes, SMCDSB provides students and staff with access to a variety of technology, including but not limited to, learning platforms (e.g., Brightspace/D2L), Google Workspace for Education (e.g., Classroom, Sheets, Docs, Slides, Mail, Youtube, Earth), and other online educational programs and resources to enhance learning. As such, we make every effort to ensure the safety of our students through ongoing review. If there are any questions or concerns about the use of technology in the classroom, parents are asked to reach out to the classroom teacher.

All students will be required to participate in instruction that focuses on the appropriate and acceptable use of Information and Communication Technology. Parents and students are responsible for ensuring student use of board-provided programs and technology is in accordance with Policy Number LE25.

Upon logging onto the network, students will view the link to the Responsible Use of Information and Communication Technology on their desktop. The expectations will be language appropriate for students in the primary division, junior division and intermediate/senior divisions and these expectations will be part of the instruction the students receive.

The procedures focus on four key areas including responsible digital citizenship, equitable access, responsibilities and consequences. For more information or to view the policy and procedure in more details we encourage you to visit www.smcdsb.on.ca or contact your child's school directly.

I am aware, and acknowledge, that my child(ren) may use and have access to a variety of technology to enhance their learning, including but not limited to, learning platforms, Google Workspace for Education applications, and other online educational programs and resources.

I am aware of and acknowledge that my child(ren) is/are subject to the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board's policy and procedure for Responsible Use of Information and Communication Technology.

Student Name(s):

Parent Name: Parent Signature:

Date:___