

SARASOTA MILITARY ACADEMY POLICY REGARDING COMPUTER AND INTERNET USE

Cadets at the Sarasota Military Academy (SMA) have access to and can use the Internet via the school computer system. This system is a resource to use in the completion of homework assignments and projects. Use of the computer and the Internet enables cadets to access major resources throughout the world to enhance cadet academics. Academic use is the only permitted application for the computer and Internet use at SMA. Each cadet has 30 MB of storage space for academic use on the SMA server. He/she will be given a username and a password when his/her account is created. If a cadet is finished with his/her on-task work from his/her teacher(s), then he/she is required to log-off. There is to be no "surfing the web."

Cadets who use the computer and/or access the Internet for inappropriate purposes will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from school. Examples of inappropriate usage, but not limited to, are listed below:

- Accessing personal email accounts for any reason (including accessing stored homework files).
- Use of instant messaging software.
- Playing computer games accessed through Internet software. This also includes any of the local computer games that are part of the operating system (ex: Solitaire, Hearts, Minesweeper, etc.).
- Accessing music or music videos via through the computer and/or the Internet.
- Using another cadet's username and password.

- Accessing pornographic material.

Once a student has violated the policy, their account will be immediately disabled for 6 school days, and then the school disciplinary policy will take into effect.

It is highly recommended that students purchase a flash drive/jump drive for themselves. These devices have recently become quite inexpensive. Understand that this policy is imperative to the school's safe use of the computer system and to avoid potential viruses. The parent and cadet must sign the Internet agreement prior to using the school computer system.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF COMPUTER AND INTERNET USE POLICY

Parents/Guardians:

Please read the enclosed Computer and Internet Use Policy.
After reading, please sign the agreement form.

Have the student return it to their **first period teacher**.

Understand that your son/daughter **will not** have access to the computer and Internet, until the agreement form is signed by the cadet and parent/guardian and turned in.

If you have any questions, contact Ernie Forchetti (Director of Information Services) by phone at (941) 926-1700 ext. 225 or by e-mail Ernie_Forchetti@sarasota.k12.fl.us.

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Parent/Cadet Computer and Internet Use Agreement

Grade Level _____

PIN# _____

By signing below, I agree that _____ (please print) will use the Sarasota Military Academy's (SMA) computers and access to the Internet appropriately. I realize that he/she (I will) will be able to access major networks throughout the world using the Internet. I understand that computer and Internet access is designed and intended for educational purposes only. I have read and understood the Computer and Internet Use Policy.

I realize that the Internet may contain material that is inappropriate for school. I support SMA's position that cadets are responsible for not accessing such material. I understand that using the computer inappropriately will immediately result in disabling the cadet's account for 6 school days, and the SMA disciplinary process will take into effect up to and including expulsion from school. As a parent, I do not hold SMA accountable for unsuitable materials acquired by my child through inappropriate computer and Internet usage at school.

I understand that my son/daughter will not have access to the school's computer and/or Internet access until the agreement form is signed and turned in to the Technology Coordinator.

I acknowledge reading this agreement and will comply with the school policies.

Cadet Name (Print)

Cadet Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian (Print)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date