

Internet Safety Policy

Villa Maria Academy HS

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TECHNOLOGY PROTECTION MEASURE

Beginning in 2010, Villa Maria Academy will offer Internet safety to all students through coursework and assemblies. Each year, All freshmen who take the Computer Applications course will be instructed on Cyber bullying, appropriate use, general internet safety, safe use of social networks, and chat guidelines as part of the course requirement. All freshmen are inserviced when they receive their school network and email accounts in September on appropriate use.

As part of our Internet Safety Policy, school-wide assemblies are to be held every other year for review and updates to the Internet safety course.

AUP

All students at VMA receive a copy of the Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) that is updated yearly and are required to sign a yearly pledge to follow this AUP. Disciplinary action is taken for violations to this policy. All students are subject to a filtered internet while on campus through use of our sonicwall firewall and content filtering service. Students are restricted for inappropriate sites, shopping, chat, blogs, social network sites and non-educational streaming resources. Outside mail is restricted during school hours. All students are educated on appropriate email etiquette and use with their school issued email account. They are responsible for all activity that occurs from their network account. A school intranet, Edline, was put in place to restrict the educational resources to our community of members. (Current Parents, students, staff).

PHOTOGRAPHS

Students shall not be photographed and chronologically named on any school website visible to the public. Photograph clearances will be given for newspaper, marketing materials and website postings. Students may be named under a photo or document on a webposting with either singular instance parental permission or under a secure login view on Edline.

Staff and adult postings with names will be allowed unless otherwise stated by the individual being identified.