

St. Paul Lutheran School
ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY for Moodle

St. Paul computer lab students will have online forums, activities, interactive resources, quizzes and exercises available with Moodle, free course management software used by educators all over the world. Students will be allowed to access our Moodle home page at www.stpaulgiants.com/moodle with a login name and password.

The rules for Moodle use are as follows:

1. Absolutely no inflammatory, abusive, or disrespectful language will be allowed at any time. The student is expected to be a good online citizen and do nothing that would be a negative reflection on St. Paul Lutheran School or be displeasing to our Lord.
2. All writing and grammar used by the student is expected to be Standard English. No IM or text shortcuts are allowed. Posts using nonstandard language will be deleted and brought to the student's attention. There will be some flexibility for typos, misspelled words, etc...but students are expected to publish writings to their best ability.
3. Students are not allowed to post emoticons on their writings unless approved by the teacher. This is a nonstandard English practice.
4. Students are required to change their passwords after the first login to the site and students are expected to remember them. The administrator will have access to the passwords, but failure to know a login password will result in loss of some class time for the student.
5. Students are not allowed to share their passwords. A student sharing a password and then having their profile abused by another student will result in both students being punished.

It is very important that students understand that **all** actions occurring on Moodle are observable by the administrator of the site. Even when a writing/post is deleted by a student, it is saved by the Moodle application and therefore can be accessed by the administrator at any time. Student time spent in different areas of Moodle is tracked and observable by the administrator. It is very important to understand that these rules must be followed. All transgressions can be located, if necessary.

Consequences of rule infractions will be determined by the administrator and the principal and based on the severity of the infraction. The student may be placed on probation in the computer lab or not allowed access to the lab for a determined time.

Our Moodle website is hopefully going to be a great place where students can share their ideas, and learn by using resources and exercises designed to develop their knowledge of the curriculum. Only 3rd-8th grade students will be using Moodle at the beginning of the school year. If it appears that this application is a terrific site for us, then more access will develop for the younger students.