

LAKEVIEW COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY FOR STUDENT COMPUTER RESOURCES

GENERAL INFORMATION

The goal of allowing participation in the Internet is to assist in the collaboration and exchange of information between Lakeview Internet users and the world. The intent of this policy is to insure proper use of the privilege of Internet access through Lakeview Community Schools (LCS) and the Montcalm Area Intermediate School District (MAISD).

The Internet is made up of an enormous number of computer systems. Some of these systems may, unfortunately, contain defamatory, inaccurate, abusive, obscene, threatening, racially offensive, illegal, or otherwise inappropriate materials on their own. It is not possible to control access to this material without negating the value of connecting to the Internet in the first place. Therefore, it is expected that each individual will accept responsibility for his or her actions on the Internet. An Internet filtering system has been installed that meets CIPA requirements. Smooth operation of the network relies upon proper conduct of all its users who must adhere to strict guidelines. The signature(s) at the end of this document is (are) legally binding and indicates the party (parties) who signed has (have) read the terms and conditions carefully and understand(s) their significance.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Access to and use of the Internet via LCS and/or the MAISD is a privilege and not a right. The Board's Internet connection is provided for educational purposes only. Unauthorized and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of that privilege. Users have the privilege of accessing the Internet to facilitate diversity and personal growth in technology, information gathering skills, and communication skills. Any use of the Internet for commercial or profit purposes is prohibited. Users agree to engage in activity, which is legal and non-disruptive to other users of the Internet. Specifically they agree to the following: Use of the network must be in support of education and research and be consistent with the educational objective of Lakeview Community School District. Any service accessed which will require a monetary charge of financial commitment shall be the responsibility of the individual. Disciplinary actions are defined in the student handbook.

NETWORK ETIQUETTE

You are expected to abide by generally accepted rules of computer network etiquette. These include but are not limited to the following:

1. Be polite. Do not be abusive in your messages to others.
2. Use appropriate language.
3. Do not reveal the personal address and/or phone number of yourself or of any other student(s) or teacher(s).
4. Note that electronic mail (e-mail) is not guaranteed to be private, as system managers can access it.
5. Do not use the network in such a way that would be disruptive to others.
6. Any vandalism will result in the cancellation of all system privileges.

SECURITY

Security on any network is a high priority, especially when it involves many users.

1. Do not attempt to gain security codes, passwords, or other private information regarding another user.
2. Do not share your security codes or passwords.
3. Do not misrepresent yourself on the system in any way.
4. Unauthorized efforts to log on to the Network or Internet as another user may result in cancellation of all privileges.
5. Lakeview Community Schools reserve the right, at their sole discretion, to suspend or terminate a member's access to the Internet and/or local network upon any breach of the Terms. Revocation of privileges may range from a minimum of two weeks up to and including permanent loss of access. Any action by any user that is deemed to be a threat to the integrity of the system will result in the loss of all privileges and could result in civil or criminal charges being filed.

WARRANTY

While MAISD and LCS make every effort to maintain an error free system, it makes absolutely no warranties of any kind, neither expressed nor implied for the service it is providing. MAISD or LCS will not be responsible for any damages suffered or caused by any user. This includes, but is not limited to, any loss of data by any means. Any and all use of any of the information obtained via the Internet is at the user's own risk. MAISD and LCS specifically deny any responsibility for the accuracy and/or quality of any information obtained through the Internet services. The user (or parent/guardian, if applicable) agrees to indemnify and hold harmless MAISD or LCS, its sponsors, individual board members, agents or employees from and against any claim, lawsuit, cause of action, damage judgment, or administrative complaint arising out of the use of LCS's hardware, software, and/or network facilities under this agreement.

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CONTRACT

Applicant

I have read and agree to abide by the Student Network and Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy (Board Policy 7540.03 revised June 22, 2009). I understand that any violation of the terms and conditions set forth in the Policy is inappropriate and may constitute a criminal offense. As a user of the Board's computers/network and the Internet, I agree to communicate over the Internet and the Network in an appropriate manner, honoring all relevant laws, restrictions, and guidelines. I further understand that any violation of these regulations may result in the loss of some or all access privileges, school disciplinary action, and/or legal action.

Teachers and building principals are responsible for determining what unauthorized or inappropriate use is. The principal may deny, revoke or suspend access to the Network/Internet to individuals who violate the Board's Student Network and Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy and related Guidelines, and take such other disciplinary action as is appropriate pursuant to the Student Code of Conduct.

Applicant's Name (please print)

Applicant's Signature

Date

Parent or Guardian

As the parent or guardian of _____, I have read the Network and Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy (Board Policy 7540.03 revised June 22, 2009) and have discussed them with my child. I understand that student access to the Internet is designed for educational purposes and that the Board has taken available precautions to restrict and/or control student access to material on the Internet that is obscene, objectionable, inappropriate and/or harmful to minors. However, I recognize that it is impossible for the Board to restrict access to all objectionable and/or controversial materials that may be found on the Internet. I will not hold the Board (or any of its employees, administrators, or officers) responsible for materials my child may acquire or come in contact with while on the Internet. Additionally, I accept responsibility for communicating to my child guidance concerning his/her acceptable use of the Internet – i.e., setting and conveying standards for my daughter/son to follow when selecting, sharing, and exploring information and resources on the Internet. I further understand that individuals and families may be liable for violations.

To the extent that proprietary rights in the design of a web site hosted on the Board's servers would vest my child upon creation, I agree to assign those rights to the Board.

Please initial each that applies:

_____ I give permission for my child to use and access the Internet at school and for the Board to issue an Internet/e-mail account to my child.

_____ I give permission for my child's image (photograph) to be published online, provided only his/her first name is used.

_____ I give permission for the Board to transmit "live" images of my child (as part of a group) over the Internet via a web cam.

_____ I authorize and license the Board to post my child's class work on the Internet without infringing upon any copyright my child may own with respect to such class work. I understand only my child's first name will accompany such class work.

Parent or guardian's name (please print)

Parent or guardian's Signature

Date

Acceptable Use Policy
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