

ACCEPTABLE USE FOR INTERNET AND ELECTRONIC MAIL – PUPILS

LAFOURCHE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD:

The Internet is a worldwide computer network. The most basic functions provided by the Internet are access to remote informational facilities, file transfers, and electronic mail. Lafourche Parish School Board is committed to making advanced technology and increased access to serious academic learning opportunities available to all pupils. The goal of the district in providing access to pupils is to promote educational excellence in schools by facilitating resource sharing, innovations, and communications. The use of computers, the Internet, and other on-line services will be in support of education and research consistent with the educational objectives of the district.

Usage Requirements:

1. Pupils shall observe good behavior on school computer networks just as they are in a classroom or a school hallway. General school rules for behavior and communications apply. Network storage areas will be treated like school lockers and pupils shall not have an expectation of privacy. Network administrators, teachers, and other appropriate district staff will review pupil files and pupil communications from time to time to prevent misuse and to ensure pupils are using the system responsibly and in compliance with laws and district policies. Communications on the network are often public in nature; therefore, pupils shall be aware that files stored on district equipment will be reviewed periodically.
2. Pupils must have the permission from and be under the supervision of school district professional staff before utilizing district-provided Internet access. Permission is not transferable from one pupil to another and may not be shared. Pupils shall not be allowed to utilize electronic communications unless a signed parental/guardian consent is on file. To remain eligible as users, pupils' use must be consistent with the educational objectives of the district. Access is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in, among other disciplinary measures, the cancellation of those privileges. Pupils will display student handbook appropriate conduct when using the computer equipment or network. Pupils shall maintain an environment conducive to learning when using computers.
3. Administrators, teachers, and other appropriate district employees will decide what is inappropriate use (as listed in #4) and the specific penalties involved. Violating this policy may result in any or all of the following:
 - a. Restricting network access;

- b. Loss of network access;
 - c. Disciplinary or legal action including, but not limited to, suspension or expulsion from school and/or criminal prosecution under appropriate local, state, and federal laws;
 - d. Assessment of the cost of damages to hardware/software.
4. The following uses of school-provided Internet access are not permitted on the part of Lafourche Parish School Board students:
- a. Accessing, uploading, downloading, or distributing pornographic, obscene, sexually explicit, violent, gambling related, hate oriented, occult, or any materials that are forbidden by the Childrens' Code of Louisiana.
 - b. Transmitting obscene, abusive, sexually explicit, or threatening language;
 - c. Accessing chat rooms, instant message services, e-mail and undirected web surfing, etc. which has not been assigned and/or approved by the school staff and/or administration;
 - d. Violating any local, state, or federal statute;
 - e. Accessing another individual's materials, information, or files without permission;
 - f. Violating copyright or otherwise using the intellectual property of another individual or organization without permission;
 - g. Using other's passwords;
 - h. Vandalizing, defined as any unauthorized access and/or malicious attempt to damage computer hardware/software or networks or destroying the data of another user, including creating, uploading, or intentionally introducing viruses;
 - i. Intentionally wasting limited resources;
 - j. Using the network for commercial private purposes;
 - k. Accessing electronic commerce sites and/or electronic purchasing;
 - l. Harassing, insulting, attacking others, and/or posting anonymous messages;

- m. Giving out personal information about others on-line such as full name, home address, phone number, etc.;
 - n. Gaining unauthorized access to resources or entities;
 - o. Invading the privacy of individuals;
 - p. Altering the set up of computers as set by the system administrator;
 - q. Using software which has not been assigned or approved by staff;
 - r. Hosting personal web pages on school district equipment unless assigned by school staff;
 - s. Seeking to gain or gaining unauthorized access to information resources or other computing devices and;
 - t. Failing to follow a district policy while using computers or failing to follow any other policies or guidelines established by district administration, teachers, or other appropriate district staff.
5. The final authority on the content of a school web page rests with the school administration.
 6. Any pupil identified as a security risk or having a documented history of problems with other computer systems may be denied access.
 7. The district makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the access it is providing. The district will not be responsible for any damages suffered. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, nondeliveries, misdeliveries, or service interruptions caused by its own negligence, user errors, and/or omissions. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at the user's risk. The district denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its system.
 8. Any statement of personal, religious or political belief found on the Internet or other telecommunication system is implicitly understood to be representative of the author's individual point of view, and not that of the Lafourche Parish School Board, its administrators, teachers, staff, or the participating school.
 9. All students shall immediately report any objectionable information inadvertently accessed. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary sanctions. (See #3)
 10. The Internet/E-mail Agreement must be signed by the student, the parent/guardian, and the teacher, and must be reviewed annually by the student and the teacher.

**LAFOURCHE PARISH SCHOOL SYSTEM
INTERNET/ELECTRONIC MAIL USE AGREEMENT**

I have read and I understand and agree to abide by the above Internet Use/E-mail Agreement. I further understand that any violation of the regulations above is unethical and may constitute a criminal offense. Should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked, school disciplinary action may be taken, and/or appropriate legal action may be pursued by school officials or civil authorities.

Student's Name (please print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

As a parent or guardian of this student, I have read and I understand and agree to abide by the Internet/E-mail Use Agreement. I understand that this access is designed for educational purposes. Lafourche Parish School System has taken precautions to eliminate controversial material. However, I also recognize it is impossible for Lafourche Parish School System to restrict access to all controversial materials and I will not hold them responsible for materials acquired on the network. Further, I accept full responsibility for supervision if and when my child's use is not in a school setting. I hereby give permission to issue an account for my child and certify that information contained on this form is correct.

Parent or Guardian's Name (please print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

As the sponsoring teacher for this student, I have read and I understand the Internet/E-mail Use Agreement and agree to promote this agreement with the student. Because the student may use the network for individual work or in the context of another class, I cannot be held responsible for the student use of the network. As the sponsoring teacher, I do agree to instruct the student on acceptable use of the network and proper network etiquette and school regulations.

Teacher's Name (please print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

LAFOURCHE PARISH COMPUTER NETWORK USER POLICY

Internet access is available to students and teachers in the Lafourche Parish School System. We are pleased to bring safe, appropriate access to Lafourche Parish, and we believe that the Internet offers vast, diverse, and unique resources to both teachers and students. Students are responsible for good behavior on school computer networks just as they are in a classroom or school hallway. Any student, who wishes to use the Lafourche Parish Computer Network, including the Internet/E-mail must agree to follow the Lafourche Parish Acceptable Use Policy and must first complete the Internet/E-mail User Agreement and Parent Permission Form before individual access is allowed.

Violations may result in loss of access as well as other disciplinary or legal action