

Amended Lincoln County School District #2
Student Acceptable Use Policy

Please read this document carefully before signing.

Access to many electronic resources is available to students and teachers in Lincoln County School District # 2. With access to these resources, including Internet, comes the availability of material that may not be of educational value in the context of the school setting.

These guidelines are provided here so that you are aware of the responsibilities you must accept. In general this requires efficient, ethical and legal utilization of the network resources. If a LCSD2 #2 user violates any of these provisions, his or her **access may be terminated**, and all future access may be denied. 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 understand(s) their significance, and agree to comply with them.

Internet Terms and Conditions

- 1) Acceptable Use -
 - a) Transmission of any material in violation of any U.S. or state regulation is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to: copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material, as determined by school, or material protected by trade secret. Commercial uses are prohibited.
 - b) The Internet may be used for appropriate research for educational purposes.
 - c) The Internet may be used for E-mail communication. Personal e-mail transmissions and Internet activity will be allowed before and after school, and at lunchtime.
 - d) Participation in **chat lines/chat groups** will not be allowed except by previous arrangement for teacher directed instruction. **Instant messaging** is not allowed unless by teacher directed instruction.
 - e) During **class time** the Internet will be used **solely for research** as directed by a teacher.
- 2) Privileges -
 - a) The use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in cancellation of those privileges. The system administrators will deem what is inappropriate use and their decision is final. The administration, faculty, and staff of Lincoln County #2 School District may deny, revoke, or suspend specific user privileges.
- 3) You are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These include (but are not limited to) the following:
 - a) Do not use vulgarity or any other inappropriate language. Illegal activities or messages are strictly forbidden.
 - b) Do not reveal your personal address, phone numbers, or other personal information of yourself or other students or colleagues. Do not arrange to meet anyone you become acquainted with on the Internet. Do not send or display any data which may be deemed to be offensive in any format (iPod, cell phone, flash drives, email, etc)
 - c) Harassing, insulting, or attacking others in email, on websites, online posts, or other electronic formats will be deemed as cyber bullying and will be dealt with according to law.
 - d) **Camera devices/cell phone cameras may not be used to photograph or video another person who has a reasonable expectation of privacy without the person's prior knowledge and consent. They may not be used to harass, intimidate, or bully another person or to invade another person's privacy. Camera devices may not be used in any classroom without permission from a teacher or principal. Students working on school-approved assignments with school district recording or photography equipment may not use the equipment for any purpose unrelated to the school project.**
 - e) Note that e-mail is not guaranteed to be private. People who operate the system do have access to all mail. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities may be reported to the authorities.

- f) Do not use the network in such a way that you would disrupt the use of the network by other users.
 - g) Any obscene material retrieved from the Internet may be cause of loss of user privileges.
 - h) Use or attempted use of another user's password is prohibited.
 - i) Use of retrieved copyrighted media (**music, video, or images**) is prohibited, unless written permission is obtained from the copyright holder. Use of media solely in classroom projects may be allowable. Those used for any public exposure will constitute copyright violation.
 - j) Viewing or downloading of **online videos, music files, and online games** are prohibited unless it is a function of teacher directed instruction.
 - k) *“Friending” of students to teachers, or teachers to students on social networking sites is prohibited. Other social interaction online is prohibited.*
 - l) Student to staff and/or staff to student text message communication is not allowed.
 - m) Security - Any user identified as a security risk or having a history of problems with other computer systems may be denied access to the district network. (e.g. hacking)
 - n) Vandalism - Vandalism will result in cancellation of privileges. Vandalism is defined as a malicious attempt to harm or destroy data of another user, Internet, or any of the above listed agencies or other networks. This includes but not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses.
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STUDENT

As a user of Lincoln County School District #2 *electronic information resources*, I hereby agree to comply with this agreement, and use the Internet for legitimate, educational purposes. I do hereby expressly consent to allow school district personnel, including teachers, aides, and administrators, to access and review any computer files, e-mail transmissions, and other computer data and/or information that I send or receive in order to ensure that the school district computers are being used appropriately and solely for approved educational purposes. Should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked, school disciplinary action, and/or appropriate legal action may be taken.

Student printed name: _____

User Signature _____ Date: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN

As the parent or guardian of this student, I grant permission for him or her to access network for computer services, such as electronic mail and the Internet. I understand that individuals and families may be held liable for violations. We do hereby release the school district, its Board of Trustees, staff, and agents, from any liability of any kind arising out of the student's use of the computer/Internet system at the school. We do hereby authorize school district personnel, including teachers, aides, and administrators, to access and review any of the student's computer files, e-mail transmissions, or other computer data to ensure that the school district computers are used appropriately and solely for approved educational purposes.

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

Signature _____ Date _____