

LAKE PRESTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
PK-6 Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) for District Computer Network

District Information:

The District's Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) is to prevent unauthorized access and other unlawful activities by users online, prevent unauthorized disclosure of or access to sensitive information, and to comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) and the District's Internet Safety Policy. As used in this policy, "user" includes any student using the computers, Internet, email, chat rooms and any other forms of direct electronic communications or equipment provided by the District regardless of the physical location of the user. The AUP applies even when District equipment is used off of District property.

The District will use technology protection measures to block or filter, to the extent practicable, access of visual depictions that are *obscene, pornographic, and harmful to minors* over the network. The District reserves the right to monitor users' online activities and to access, review, copy, and store or delete any electronic communication or files and disclose them to others as it deems necessary. Users should have no expectation of privacy regarding their use of District property, network and/or Internet access or files.

Regulations:

The privilege of using the technology resources provided by the Lake Preston School District is not transferable or extendible by students to people or groups outside the district and terminates when a student is no longer enrolled in the District. This policy is provided to make all users aware of the responsibilities associated with efficient, ethical, and lawful use of technology resources. If a person violates this policy, privileges may be terminated, access to the school district technology resources may be denied, and the appropriate disciplinary action shall be applied.

Lake Preston Students are required to follow this policy and to confirm their consent to this policy annually or when the accounts are established for a limited educational purpose. The term "educational purpose" includes classroom activities, continuing education, professional or career development, and high-quality, educationally enriching personal research.

Unacceptable Uses of the Lake Preston Computer Network or Internet:

The District Internet system has not been established as a public access service or a public forum. The district has the right to place reasonable restrictions on the material you access or post through the system.

These are examples of inappropriate activity on the District network, but the District reserves the right to take immediate action regarding activities (1) that create security and/or safety issues for the District, students, employees, schools, computer resources, or (2) that expend District resources on content the District in its sole discretion determines lacks legitimate educational content/purpose, or (3) other activities as determined by District as inappropriate.

- **Violating any state or federal law or municipal ordinance, such as: Accessing or transmitting pornography of any kind, obscene depictions, harmful materials, materials that encourage others to violate the law, confidential information, plagiarism or copyrighted materials;**
- **Criminal activities that can be punished under law;**
- **Downloading programs or files that can be hazardous to the network without permission;**
- **Selling or purchasing illegal items or substances;**
- **Students knowingly accessing or bringing prohibited materials into the school environment may be subject to suspension and/or the termination of their privileges and will be subject to discipline in accordance with the district's policy and applicable administrative regulations.**
 - Prohibited Material may not be accessed at any time, for any purpose. The district designated the following types of materials as Prohibited: obscene materials, child pornography, material that appeals to a prurient or unhealthy interest in, or depicts or describes in a patently offensive way, violence, nudity, sex, death, or bodily functions,

material that has been designated as for "adults" only, and material that promotes or advocates illegal activities.

- **Causing harm to others or damage to their property; such as:**
 - Using profane, abusive, or impolite language; threatening, harassing, or making damaging or false statements about others or accessing, transmitting, or downloading offensive, harassing, or disparaging materials;
 - Deleting, copying, modifying, or forgoing other users' names, emails, files, or data; disguising one's identity, impersonating other users, or sending anonymous email;
 - Damaging computer equipment, files, data or the network in any way, including intentionally accessing, transmitting or downloading computer viruses or other harmful files or programs, or disrupting any computer system performance;
 - Using any District computer to pursue "hacking," internal or external to the District, or attempting to access information protected by privacy laws; or
- **Engaging in uses that jeopardize access or lead to unauthorized access into others' accounts or other computer networks, such as:**
 - Using another's account password(s) or identifier(s);
 - Interfering with other users' ability to access their account(s); or
- **Using the network or Internet for Commercial purposes:**
 - Using the Internet for personal financial gain, personal advertising, and promotion; or
 - Conducting for-profit business activities and/or engaging in non-government related fundraising or public relations activities such as solicitation for religious purposes, lobbying for personal political purposes.
- **Social Media Use:**
 - Students may not use social media sites to publish negative remarks, videos, or pictures about faculty, students, community members, or contest rivals. Students may not publish any phone numbers, full names, email addresses or other confidential information of any students, faculty or other information for any reason.

Penalties for Improper Use:

The use of a District account is a privilege, not a right, and misuse will result in the restriction or cancellation of the account. Misuse may also lead to disciplinary and/or legal action, including suspension, expulsion, or criminal prosecution by government authorities. The District will attempt to tailor any disciplinary action to the specific issues related to each violation.

Students shall be responsible for any technology costs, fees, charges, or expenses incurred under the student's account in connection with the use of the network or Internet except such costs, fees, charges, and expenses as the school district explicitly agrees to pay.

1st Offense: Office referral – Parent Contact with 1 day before/after school detention set by admin/parents and 1 week suspension of computer privileges.

2nd Offense: Office referral – Parent Contact with 3 days before/after school detention set by admin/parents and 3 weeks suspension of computer privileges. Documented within Infinite Campus and student's permanent record.

3rd Offense: Office referral – 1 week before/after school detention set by admin/parents and loss of computer privileges for 1 quarter (9 weeks) – parent meeting to determine course of action. Documented within Infinite Campus and student's permanent record.

Depending on the violation, student may go directly to the 3rd offense consequences, and or be referred to law enforcement and may be subject to possible long term suspension or recommended expulsion from school.

Disclaimer:

The District makes no guarantees about the quality of the services provided and is not responsible for any claims, losses, damages, costs, or other obligations arising from use of the network accounts. Any additional charges a user accrues due to the use of District's network are to be borne by the user. The District also denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of the information obtained through user access. Any statement, accessible on the computer network or the Internet, is understood to be the author's individual point of view and not that of the District, its affiliates, or employees.