

LCS Internet Acceptable Use Policy For Students

The Internet can provide a vast collection of educational resources for students and employees. It is a global network that makes it impossible to control all available information. Because information appears, disappears, and changes constantly, it is not possible to predict or control what students may locate. The Le Mars Community School District makes no guarantees as to the accuracy of information received on the Internet. Although students will be supervised, it is not possible to constantly monitor individual students and what they are accessing on the network. Some students might encounter information that may not be deemed appropriate or of educational value.

To ensure quality use of the Internet, we have established the following guidelines:

Prior to access to the Internet, you need to receive training and demonstrate proficiency, after which you will be issued a license.

You should be using the Internet for CLASS work.

Information printed or downloaded from the Internet should be classroom related

Internet Games and Chat rooms are NOT permitted without specific teacher permission and/or supervision.

Internet Access:

Access to the Internet is available to teachers and students as a source of information and a vehicle of communication.

It is a goal to allow students access to the Internet, while we protect the rights of students and parents who choose not to risk exposure to questionable material.

Students must adhere to strict guidelines that adhere to ethical and legal utilization of network resources.

Transmission of material, information or software in violation of any board policy or regulations is prohibited.

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Access will be available only to licensed students. License will be granted upon completion of training and return of signed student acceptable use Internet agreement.

On-line Etiquette:

The use of the Internet is a privilege and may be revoked for violation of board or school policy.

Students should adhere to on-line protocol:

Respect all copyright and license agreements

Remain on the system long enough to get needed information, then exit

Restricted Material:

Students shall not intentionally access or download any text file or picture or engage in any conference that includes material which is obscene, libelous, indecent, vulgar, profane or lewd. Students should not access sites which advertise any product or service not permitted to minors by law; constitutes insulting or fighting words, the very expression of which injures or harasses others; or presents a clear and present likelihood that, either because of its content or the manner of distribution, it will be in violation of lawful school regulations.

Unauthorized Costs:

If a student gains access to any service via the Internet, which has a cost, involved or if a student incurs other types of costs, the students accessing such a service will be responsible for those costs.

E-mail:

Individual student electronic e-mail addresses will be issued starting with the school year 2010-2011. All students and parents will be required to sign the LeMars Community Email Policy before a student is supplied a school email account.

Properly signed parental permission forms and student access forms must be on file in the LCS Media Center before access is granted.

Student consequences for accessing restricted items:

First violation: A verbal and written "Warning" notice will be issued to the student and parents. The student may lose Internet and lab access for a period of **2 weeks** at the discretion of the lab supervisor. A copy of the notice will be sent to the student's parents and/or guardian and a copy provided to the building principal.

Second violation: A verbal and written "Second Violation" notice will be issued to the student and parents. A copy will be provided to the building principal. The student shall forfeit all lab and Internet privileges for a minimum of **6 weeks**.

Third violation: A verbal and written "Third Notice" will be issued to the students and parents. A copy will be provided to the building principal. The student shall forfeit all lab and Internet privileges for the remainder of the school year and go through the publications process again for the school and go through the application process again for the next school year if applicable.

Offenses deemed serious may result in more severe consequences as deemed appropriate by the school administration.

STUDENTS

I understand and will abide by the LCS Acceptable Use Policy. I further understand that any violation of the regulations will result in the revoking of my Internet privileges at Le Mars Community Schools.

Student's Name (Please Print)

Student's Signature

Date

High School Graduation Year

PARENT OR GUARDIAN

I have read the LCS Acceptable Use Policy. I understand that this access is designed for educational purposes. Le Mars Community Schools have the right to limit access to materials that are questionable. I will not hold the school responsible for materials my child may access from the internet. I hereby give consent for independent access to networked electronic information resources, including the Internet. I will support Le Mars Community Schools in all decisions regarding the use of the Internet.

Parent or Guardian Name (Please Print)

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Address

Date