

Technology Use

The following document is used by Lake County School District 7 in Lakeview, Oregon for students who wish to gain access to the network/internet and parental permission for such access.

GUIDELINES FOR ACCEPTABLE TECHNOLOGY USE

Students shall be held responsible to a level of behavior on the school's computer network and internet that is consistent with those general codes of conduct governing student behavior and communication regardless of the time, setting, or location.

Network access and internet use shall be deemed a privilege and not a right. The computer network, its hardware, software, and its telecommunications capabilities are to be used by students solely for approved instructional purposes. Research and communication on this system shall be deemed '*public*' in nature. Though generally secure from the scrutiny of other students and staff, student users shall be notified that they should not expect that their internet usage and communications stored on the school district's system will be private. Designated staff shall have the responsibility to review files and communications to maintain system integrity and insure that users are using the system responsibly.

Because of the complexity, importance, and interdependence of the school district's computer network with the daily administration and execution of all phases of school district operations,) instruction, support, administration, finance, and maintenance) students shall be held strictly liable for any inappropriate or harmful conduct or activity performed on the school's network and internet. Prohibitions on the use of this include, but are not necessarily limited to the following:

- A. Utilizing '*non-approved*' disks (because of the probability of introducing a '*virus*');
- B. Using, developing, or installing '*pirated*' software or programming applications.
- C. Altering or manipulating system and/or machine configuration, protocol or programming;
- D. Intentionally altering, disrupting or destroying system and/or machine capabilities;
- E. Sending, retrieving, or displaying offensive messages, pictures, or video material;
- F. Using obscene or vulgar language;
- G. Harassing, insulting or attacking others;
- H. Violating copyright laws;
- I. Using others' passwords;
- J. Trespassing into the folders, work, or files of other students or staff;
- K. Knowingly and intentionally wasting or misusing district resources or property; and
- L. Utilizing the network for personal, commercial or financial gain.

Inappropriate use, misuse, and/or abuse of the school district's computer network by students shall result, depending on the severity and consequences of the student's action, in a wide range of potential disciplinary actions including, but not limited to:

- A. Verbal warning;
- B. Written reprimand;
- C. Restricted use/access to the network and its components;
- D. Temporary loss of access rights to the network;
- E. Permanent loss of access rights to the network;
- F. Suspension for as many as ten consecutive school days;
- G. Expulsion from school for as long as one calendar year;
- H. When applicable, referral to law enforcement agencies for legal action; and
- I. Financial liability for costs incurred in correcting and replacing the network's administrative protocol, programming, software, files, and /or equipment if intentionally and knowingly disrupted, damaged, or destroyed by a student.