

# **GUIDELINES FOR USE OF THE INTERNET**

## Statement of Purpose

The Internet is a vast global computer network that provides access to major universities around the world, government agencies, other school systems, and commercial providers of data banks. The purpose of this document is to set guidelines for exploring and using internet resources to enhance learning and teaching activities. Acceptable use of these resources shall be consistent with the philosophy, goals, and objectives of the Lafayette Parish Schools.

Exploration of the Internet is encouraged, but with rights and privileges come responsibility. Any user of the network that adversely affects its operation in pursuit of teaching and learning or jeopardizes its use or performance for other community members is prohibited and may result in loss of network privileges.

## User Responsibilities

Users must take responsibility for their actions and words.

Users are reminded that they are representatives of their respective schools and Lafayette Parish Schools as a whole. They must conduct themselves in accordance with the policies thereof.

Use language that is appropriate for school situations.

Avoid offensive or inflammatory speech.

Access only materials appropriate for fulfilling school assignments. Users are cautioned that there may be materials on the Internet that may be deemed inappropriate for young people, and access to this type of material for any reason is unacceptable.

Adhere to copyright rules and licensing agreements when accessing materials.

Import files from only known reputable sources to reduce the risk of spreading computer viruses.

Impersonation and anonymity are prohibited.

Any use of the Internet for personal profit or any illegal activities is prohibited.

## User Rights

Users of the Internet have certain rights of which all users should be aware.

Computer files may be monitored by the system administrator or teacher for compliance with this policy.

Users should have equal access to the Internet, relative to educational goals. All users should be aware of the needs of others and use the network in ways that would not disrupt the use by others. This includes use of computer time and supplies.

Users should be safe from unwanted or harassing messages. Such communication may be brought to the attention of the teacher or an administrator, who should seek to remedy the situation.

Any effort to disrupt Internet services or computer systems by spreading computer viruses, vandalism, unauthorized entry, or destruction of computer files can result in criminal prosecution under state and federal laws.

### Internet Access Tools

Electronic mail (E-mail) is mail sent through electronic, non-paper methods. A computer stores the messages until the receiver accesses the system and reads them.

File transfer protocol (FTP) enables the transfer of files between computers.

Gopher and Turbo gopher give access to a menu based index at various locations on the Internet via a point-and-click interface.

Mosaic and Netscape provide graphical interface to the Internet that allow images, sound, and movies to be played and text files to be accessed.

Telnet allows one computer to log into and control a remote computer. It is used to search libraries and databases.

### Remedies and Recourse

Violations of this acceptable use policy by students could result in suspension or recommended expulsion on a case-by-case basis. Inappropriate use that is not promptly remedied may result in termination of network privileges. Any non-acceptable use of a criminal nature will be referred to proper authorities for investigation and possible prosecution.

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### STUDENT/PARENT CONSENT USE OF THE INTERNET Lafayette Parish Schools

Student's  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First

School \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the Lafayette Parish Schools Guidelines for Use of the Internet, and agree to abide by the provisions stated in these guidelines. I understand that violation of these guidelines may constitute suspension and/or revocation of Internet access and related privileges, and could lead to school disciplinary action.

Student's  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parents or Guardians

I have read the Lafayette Parish Schools Guidelines for Use of the Internet. I understand that my child is fully aware of these guidelines and is responsible for his/her actions. I give permission for my child to use the Internet.

Parent's  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_