

LAKEVIEW COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY FOR COMPUTER RESOURCES

GENERAL INFORMATION

The goal of allowing participation in the Internet is to assist in the collaboration and exchange of information between Lakeview Internet users and the world. The intent of this policy is to insure proper use of the privilege of Internet access through Montcalm Area Intermediate School District (MAISD).

The Internet is made up of an enormous number of computer systems. Some of these systems may, unfortunately, contain defamatory, inaccurate, abusive, obscene, threatening, racially offensive, illegal, or otherwise inappropriate materials on their own. It is not possible to control access to this material without negating the value of connecting to the Internet in the first place. Therefore, it is expected that each individual will accept responsibility for his or her actions on the Internet. Smooth operation of the network relies upon proper conduct of all its users who must adhere to strict guidelines. 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 and understand(s) their significance.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Access to the Internet via MAISD is a privilege and not a right. Inappropriate use may result in the cancellation of those privileges. Users have the privilege of accessing the Internet to facilitate diversity and personal growth in technology, information gathering skills, and communication skills. Any use of the Internet for commercial or profit purposes is prohibited. Users agree to engage in activity, which is legal and non-disruptive to other users of the Internet. Specifically they agree to the following: Use of the network must be in support of education and research and be consistent with the educational objective of Lakeview Community School District. Any service accessed which will require a monetary charge of financial commitment shall be the responsibility of the individual.

NETWORK ETIQUETTE

You are expected to abide by generally accepted rules of computer network etiquette. These include but are not limited to the following:

1. Be polite. Do not be abusive in your messages to others
2. Use appropriate language.
3. Do not reveal the personal address and/or phone number of yourself or of any other student(s) or teacher(s).
4. Note that electronic mail (e-mail) is not guaranteed to be private, as system managers can access it.
5. Do not use the network in such a way that would be disruptive to others.
6. Any vandalism will result in the cancellation of all system privileges.

SECURITY

Security on any network is a high priority, especially when it involves many users.

1. Do not attempt to gain security codes, passwords, or other private information regarding another user.
2. Do not share your security codes or passwords.
3. Do not misrepresent yourself on the system in any way.
4. Unauthorized efforts to log on to the Network or Internet as another user may result in cancellation of all privileges.
5. Lakeview Community Schools reserve the right, at their sole discretion, to suspend or terminate a member's access to the Internet and/or local network upon any breach of the Terms. Revocation of privileges may range from a minimum of two weeks up to and including permanent loss of access. Any action by any user that is deemed to be a threat to the integrity of the system will result in the loss of all privileges and could result in civil or criminal charges being filed.

WARRANTY

While MAISD and Lakeview make every effort to maintain an error free system, it makes absolutely no warranties of any kind, neither expressed nor implied for the service it is providing. MAISD or Lakeview will not be responsible for any damages suffered or caused by any user. This includes, but is not limited to, any loss of data by any means. Any and all use of any of the information obtained via the Internet is at the user's own risk. MAISD and Lakeview specifically deny any responsibility for the accuracy and/or quality of any information obtained through the Internet services. The user (or parent/guardian, if applicable) agrees to indemnify and hold harmless MAISD or Lakeview, its sponsors, individual board members, agents or employees from and against any claim, lawsuit, cause of action, damage judgment, or administrative complaint arising out of the use of Lakeview hardware, software, and/or network facilities under this agreement.

CONTRACT

Applicant

I understand and will abide by the Terms and Conditions for the use of Lakeview's computer resources. I further understand that any violation of these regulations may result in the loss of some or all access privileges, school disciplinary action, and/or legal action.

Applicant's Name (please print)

Applicant's Signature

Date

Parent or Guardian

As the parent or guardian of _____, I have read the Terms and Conditions. I understand that this access is designed for educational purposes. I also recognize it is impossible for Lakeview to completely restrict access to all controversial materials, and I will not hold them responsible for such materials accessed on the network. Further, I accept full responsibility for supervision if and when my child's use is not in a school setting. I hereby give permission to allow my child use of the network, and certify that the information on this form is correct.

Parent or guardian's name (please print)

Parent or guardian's Signature

Date