

# LANDER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## District Network and Internet Acceptable Use Policy

All users are responsible for good behavior on school computer networks. Communications on the network are often public in nature, and school rules for behavior and communications apply. The network is provided for students and staff to conduct research, which supports the educational objectives of the district. Access to network services is given to those who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. Staff and students will be given permission to access network services through returning the appropriate User Agreement to the school office. It is expected that users will comply with the district standards and will honor the agreement, which they have signed.

Network storage areas will be treated as school lockers. Network Administrators may review files and communications to maintain system security and to insure that users are using the system responsibly. Users should not expect that files stored on district servers will always be private. The right of privacy is not guaranteed.

For reasons of security, no device, equipment or software is to be connected or loaded onto the computer network without the authorization of the Network Administrator.

The Lander County School District does not warrant the functions of the network, nor shall it be liable for any damages sustained or incurred in connection with the use, operation or inability to use the network.

During school, teachers will guide students toward appropriate materials for research. Families should be warned that some material accessible via the Internet might contain items illegal, defamatory, inaccurate, or potentially offensive to some people. Lander County School District has taken precautions to restrict access to controversial materials and inform users of proper uses of the Internet. However, on a global network, it is impossible to control all information. The Board believes that the benefits to students exceed the disadvantages. Ultimately, parents and guardians are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using media and information sources. The District supports each family's right to decide whether or not to apply for access.

Users are expected to abide by generally accepted rules of network etiquette. Unacceptable practices include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Accessing, sending or displaying offensive, profane or obscene messages and pictures or those advocating violence.
- Harassing, insulting or attacking others.
- Violating copyright or trade secret laws.
- Using another's password or trespassing in another's files.
- Employing the network for commercial purposes.
- Damaging computers, computer systems or computer networks, or deleting or altering software on any part of the network.

**Violation of the aforementioned terms and conditions may result in privileges being revoked, school disciplinary action and/or appropriate legal action.**

As a user of the Lander County School District computer network, I hereby agree to comply with the Acceptable Use Policy, communicating over the network in a responsible fashion while honoring the relevant laws and restrictions. Should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked, and school disciplinary or appropriate legal action may be taken.

Employee Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_