

STUDENT INTERNET/ON-LINE ACCESS POLICY

Students of the Lake Central School Corporation now have access to Internet and other on-line services. The Internet consists of computers from all over the world linked together and provides an incredibly rich set of resources. Given the right connections, hardware, and software, the Internet can bring information, data, images, and even computer software into the classroom from places around the globe almost instantaneously.

While the benefits of the Internet are indeed enormous, it is important to know that it is an unregulated open system and, like any open system, carries risks. The Internet contains materials and potential contacts that could work to both the advantage and disadvantage to young people.

WE ARE TAKING PRECAUTIONS TO RESTRICT ACCESS TO CONTROVERSIAL MATERIAL BY:

- Requiring a user agreement and parent permission form,
- Maintaining careful direction and supervision of students appropriate to their age,
- Enforcing the rules for use.

Students using Lake Central equipment to access the Internet and other on-line services must abide by the rules below. Persons violating the rules may be subject to school discipline, up to and including expulsion. Students may be denied future Internet or on-line access, and will be reported to the police or proper authority if in violation of the law.

SECONDARY STUDENT RULES FOR INTERNET USE

- a) All use of the Internet or other services must be in support of education or research and consistent with the policies and objectives of the District.
- b) Use of the Internet or other services cannot be made without the permission of the staff member in charge or the supervising teacher.
- c) Any use of the network to facilitate illegal activity is prohibited.
- d) Use of the network to access obscene or pornographic materials is prohibited.
- e) Any use for commercial or for-profit purposes is prohibited, including product advertisement. This also includes buying, selling and bartering, including but not limited to the use of credit cards.
- f) Disruption of the Internet/on-line service, supporting equipment, or information available on it is prohibited, including but not limited to tampering with hardware or software, vandalizing data, introducing or using computer viruses, attempting to gain access to restricted information or networks, or violating copyright law.
- g) The use of Internet or other services to harass other users or to transmit materials likely to be offensive or objectionable to recipients is prohibited.
- h) Students are to protect themselves and others by not issuing any addresses or telephone numbers over the Internet or other on-line services, remembering that on-line communications are not private.
- i) Any problems or violations of these rules are to be reported to the supervising staff member.
- j) Students will be prohibited from using Internet "chat rooms" and/or any instant messaging (i.e.: ICQ, AIM, etc.)
- k) Never share your password or account information with anyone. Each user has the responsibility for the appropriate use of his/her account and will be held responsible for any policy violations that are traced to that account.
- l) Honor all rules of copyright and personal property. Ownership of text, music, software, and other media is protected to the full extent of the law. Use of data/information from the Internet may be done only within the realm of copyright laws, policies, and crediting sources.
- m) Students will not access personal e-mail accounts. E-mail use is permitted when part of classroom activities and under special circumstances such as foreign exchange students.
- n) Do not knowingly or inadvertently degrade the performance of the network.

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