

Lincoln Elementary School District #27 Internet & Computer Acceptable Use Contract

Each student and his/her parents/guardians must sign the Acceptable Use Policy before being granted network access privileges.

All use of the Network/Internet shall be consistent with the Lincoln Elementary School District #27 goal of promoting educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation and communication. This Acceptable Use Policy does not attempt to state all required or prohibited behaviors by users. However, some specific examples are provided. **The failure of any user to follow the terms of the Acceptable Use Policy will result in the loss of privileges, disciplinary action and/or appropriate legal action.** The signatures at the end of this document are legally binding and indicate that the party who signed has read the terms and conditions carefully and understands their significance.

The use of network facilities shall be consistent with the curriculum adopted by the Board of Education as well as the varied instructional needs, learning styles, abilities, and developmental levels of students.

Terms and Conditions

Acceptable Use:

Access to Lincoln District #27 Network/Internet must be for the purpose of education, communication or research, and be consistent with the educational objectives of the district as set forth by the Board of Education.

Privileges:

The Board of Education establishes that the use of the Internet and other electronic networks is a privilege, not a right. Inappropriate, unauthorized and/or illegal use will result in the cancellation of those privileges and in appropriate disciplinary action. The building principal will make decisions regarding whether or not a user has violated the district Acceptable Use Policy and may deny, revoke or suspend access at any time.

Prohibitions:

Students and staff are expected to act in a responsible, ethical and legal manner in accordance with district policy, accepted rules of network etiquette and federal and state law. Prohibited actions include, but are not limited to:

- Use of the network to facilitate illegal activity.
- Use of the network for commercial or for-profit purposes.
- Use of the network for product advertising or political lobbying.
- Use of the network for hate mail, discriminatory remarks or offensive or inflammatory communication.
- Use of the network for unauthorized or illegal installation, distribution, reproduction, modification or use of copyrighted materials.
- Use of the network to access obscene or pornographic material.
- Use of the network to transmit material likely to be offensive or objectionable to recipients.
- Use of the network to intentionally obtain or modify files, passwords and/or data belonging to other users.
- Use of the network to disrupt the use of other users.
- Use of the network while access privileges are suspended or revoked.
- Use of the network for non-academic purposes.
- Use of another user's account or password.
- Loading or use of unauthorized games, programs, files or other electronic media.
- Destruction, modification or abuse of network hardware and software.
- Posting material authored or created by another user without his/her consent.
- Use of fraudulent or anonymous identification on the network.
- Use of inappropriate language or profanity on the network.
- Unauthorized disclosure, use and dissemination of personal information regarding minors.

Consequences for Inappropriate Use:

Any user violating this policy, applicable state and federal laws or posted classroom, building or district rules will lose network privileges and will be subject to action under the Lincoln Elementary Schools #27 Discipline Policy.

Vandalism will result in cancellation of user privileges. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy data of another user, the Internet or other networks. This includes, but is not limited to the intentional uploading or creation of computer viruses.

Illegal use of the network, copyright violations or theft of services may be reported to the appropriate legal authorities.

Email

- a) Lincoln Elementary District #27 students may not access personal student email accounts using District #27 network and/or equipment
- b) All staff members are expected to use email in a responsible, effective and lawful manner.

Copyright:

The illegal use of copyrighted information and software by students and staff is prohibited.

General Conditions and Information:

In compliance with Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), District 327 does provide a "technology protection measure" –

generally referred to as an Internet filter – to block access to visual depictions deemed "obscene," "child pornography" or "harmful to minors." Despite the protections provided, it should be understood that not all content can be blocked. Further, Lincoln Elementary School District #27 makes no warranties of any kind, whether express or implied, for the services covered by this policy. The electronic information available to students and staff does not imply endorsement of the content by Lincoln Elementary School District #27, nor does the district guarantee the accuracy of information received on the Internet. Lincoln Elementary School District #27 shall not be responsible for any damages a network user suffers. The district shall not be responsible for any information that may be lost, damaged or unavailable when using the network nor for any information that is retrieved via the Internet.

Lincoln Elementary School District #27 shall not be responsible for any unauthorized charges or fees resulting from access to the Internet.

Lincoln Elementary School District #27 reserves the right to log network use and to monitor file-server space utilization by district users, while respecting the privacy rights of both district users and outside users.

Security:

System security is protected through the use of passwords. Failure to adequately protect or update passwords could result in unauthorized access to personal and/or district files. To protect the integrity of the system, the following guidelines shall be observed:

- c) Users shall not reveal their passwords to other individuals.
- d) Users shall not access the network using any password other than their own.
- e) Users shall not use a station that has been logged in by another student's or staff member's name.
- f) Users who identify a possible security problem must immediately notify the system administrator.

Any user identified as a security risk or as having a history of problems with other computer systems may be denied access to the network.

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Students, parents/guardians must read and sign this Acceptable Use Policy each school year while enrolled in Lincoln Elementary School District #27.

I understand and will abide by the Acceptable Use Policy. I further understand that should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked and school disciplinary action and/or appropriate legal action may be taken. In consideration for using the District #27 Network/Internet connection and having access to public networks, I hereby release the school district and its Board members, employees and agents from any claims and/or damages arising from my use or inability to use the Network/Internet.

User Name _____ Date _____
(Please Print)

User Signature _____

I have read the Acceptable Use Policy. I understand that access is designed for educational purposes and that the district has taken precautions to eliminate controversial material. However, I also recognize that it is impossible for the district to restrict access to all controversial and inappropriate materials. I will hold harmless the district, its employees, agents or Board members for any harm caused by materials or software obtained via the network. I have discussed the terms of this Acceptable Use Policy with my child. I hereby request that my child be allowed access to the district's Network/Internet.

Parent's/Legal Guardian's Name _____ Date _____
(Please Print)

Parent's/Legal Guardians's Signature _____

– OR –

I hereby decline that my child be allowed access to the district's Network/Internet.

Parent's/Legal Guardian's Name _____ Date _____
(Please Print)

Parent's/Legal Guardians's Signature _____

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