

Acceptable Internet Use Policy

Lutheran High School, Kansas City

Use of the internet by students of LHSKC is permitted and encouraged where such use supports the goals and objectives of the school.

However, LHSKC has a policy for the use of the internet whereby students must ensure that they:

- comply with current legislation
- use the internet in an acceptable way
- do not create unnecessary business risk to the school by their misuse of the internet

Unacceptable behavior

In particular the following is deemed unacceptable use or behavior by students:

- visiting internet sites that contain obscene, hateful, pornographic or otherwise illegal material
- using the computer to perpetrate any form of fraud, or software, film or music piracy
- using the internet to send offensive or harassing material to other users
- downloading commercial software or any copyrighted materials belonging to third parties, unless this download is covered or permitted under a commercial agreement or other such license
- hacking into unauthorized areas
- publishing defamatory and/or knowingly false material about Lutheran High School, your classmates and/or teachers on social networking sites, 'blogs' (online journals), 'wikis' and any online publishing format
- undertaking deliberate activities that waste staff effort or networked resources
- introducing any form of malicious software into the corporate network

Monitoring

LHSKC accepts that the use of the internet is a valuable tool. However, misuse of this facility can have a negative impact upon student productivity and the reputation of the school. In addition, all of the school's internet-related resources are provided for educational purposes. Therefore, the school maintains the right to monitor the volume of internet and network traffic, together with the internet sites visited. The specific content of any transactions will not be monitored unless there is a suspicion of improper use.

Sanctions

Where it is believed that a student has failed to comply with this policy, he/she will face the school's disciplinary procedure. If the student is found to have breached the policy, he/she will face a disciplinary penalty ranging from a verbal warning to dismissal. The first offense may result in the loss of network access for one week. The second offense may result in the loss of network access for the remainder of the semester. The third offense may result in the loss of network access for the remainder of the school year.

Agreement

All students who have been granted the right to use the school's internet access are required to sign this agreement confirming their understanding and acceptance of this policy.

Parent's Signature

Student's Signature