

Internet/Computer Usage Agreement

Lexington Public Schools

Access to the internet is a wonderful opportunity to interact with the world at large. The opportunity brings with it a number of responsibilities. In order to use the internet services available in the Lexington School District, you must read the following information and sign the internet/computer agreement that follows.

1. The use of any Lexington School District computer which provides access to the internet is a privilege which may be revoked by instructors, staff, or administrators at any time for abusive or inappropriate conduct. Such conduct could include, but is not limited to, the placing of unlawful information on or through the computer system, accessing another person's files or e-mail, and the use of obscene, abusive, or otherwise objectionable language or images in either public or private files or messages.
2. The district reserves the right to inspect any material stored in files to which users have access and will edit or remove any material which the district staff, in its sole discretion, believes may be objectionable. Users of the computers/internet will not use their account to obtain, view, download, or otherwise gain access to potentially objectionable or illegal materials. This includes text materials, video materials, or sound files that may be considered objectionable or illegal.
3. Information services and features contained on the Lexington School District network are intended for the private use of its students/faculty/staff. Any commercial or other unauthorized use of those materials, in any form, is expressly forbidden.
4. The district does not warrant that the functions of the system will meet any specific requirements you may have, or that it will be error-free or interrupted; nor shall it be liable for any direct or indirect, incidental, or consequential damages (including lost data or information) sustained or incurred in connection with the use, operation or inability to use the system.
5. Rules and regulations of system usage will be added and posted from time to time by the faculty/administrators of the district and/or the network. Users of computers/internet are subject to these rules and regulations.
6. The Lexington School District's computers/network is intended for the exclusive use of its registered users. As a user, you are responsible for the use of your password and account. Any problems which arise from the use of a user's account are the responsibility of the account holder. Any misuse will result in suspension of the account privileges. You must not share your password with other users.
7. Deletion, examination, copying, or modification of files and/or data belonging to other users is prohibited.
8. Commercial software is placed on the computer for the use and convenience of students and staff. Any unlawful use such as the copying of copyrighted material without the express written permission of the owner or the proper license is prohibited.
9. Any unauthorized, deliberate action which damages or disrupts a computing system (including the willful introduction of computer "viruses" or other disruptive/destructive programs), alters its normal performance, or causes it to malfunction is prohibited. Intentional attempts to "crash" network systems or programs are punishable disciplinary offenses.
10. Pornography and pornographic related merchandising are prohibited. This includes sites that include links to pornographic content elsewhere. Further examples of unacceptable content or links include pirated software, "hacker" programs, archives of "Warez Sites", game rooms or MUDs, Chat Rooms, IRC Bots, programs that spy, programs designed to send unsolicited advertisements (i.e. "spamware"), any kind of illegal software or shareware.
11. The user acknowledges that failure to comply with the above criteria may result in the removal of Internet access and any other disciplinary or legal measures deemed appropriate by Lexington School District.