



Network and Internet Acceptable Use Policy

We are pleased to offer students of the Livingston Manor School District access to the district computer network and the Internet.

Access to the Internet will enable students to explore thousands of libraries, databases, and bulletin boards. Families should be warned that some material accessible via the Internet might contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate or potentially offensive to some people. While our intent is to make Internet access available to further educational goals and objectives, students may find ways to access other materials as well. We believe that the benefits to students from access to the Internet, in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration, exceed any disadvantages. But ultimately, parents and guardians of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using media and information sources. To that end, the Livingston Manor School District supports and respects each families right to decide whether or not to allow their children access to the Internet.

District Network and Internet Policy

The network is provided for students to conduct research and communicate with others. Access to network services is given to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. Parental permission is not required. **Access is a privilege – not a right.** Access entails responsibility.

Internet access will be provided to the students of the district in accordance with the terms of this policy. Internet access from school district computers is reserved solely for educational purposes. Use by students clubs and organizations is limited to those times when the Internet access points are not in use for instruction and shall be limited to educational purposes and governed by this policy. Access to the network and the Internet will be under the direction and supervision of the staff assigned to the Internet access area.

The school reserves the right to monitor all Internet and Network activity including transmission and receipt of e-mail. Network administrators will review files and

communications to maintain system integrity and ensure users are using the system responsibly.

A violation of this policy will be treated as a violation of the student discipline code and specifically as a violation of that section of the code, which subjects a student to disciplinary action for the failure to comply with the directions of a teacher, administrator, or other school employee. A violation of this policy may also result in disciplinary actions based upon other sections of the student discipline code.

Prohibited Conduct

No person who gains access to the Network or Internet from any access point within the school district shall:

- Access, transmit, or retransmit material which promotes violence or advocates destruction of property including, but not limited to, access to information concerning the manufacturing of destructive devices such as explosives, fireworks, smoke bombs or incendiary devices or the like.
- Access, transmit, or retransmit any information containing pornographic, sexually oriented or other offensive material. Pornographic is defined as pictures or writing that are intended to stimulate erotic feelings by the description or portrayal of the nude human form or sexual activity.
- Access, transmit, or retransmit materials, which advocates or promotes violence or hatred against particular individuals or groups of individuals or advocates or promotes the superiority of one racial group over another.
- Use or bring in unauthorized software from any outside source. This includes any software, which has been downloaded from the network or is otherwise in possession of the user without the appropriate registration of the software including the payment of any fees owing to the owner of the software.
- Using another's password and or trespassing in another's folder works or files.
- Commit or attempt to commit damage to computers, computer peripherals, or the computer network or intentionally tampering or changing system settings.
- Transmit credit card information or other personal information from any access point within the school district.
- Transmit e-mail through an anonymous re-mailer
- Access the Internet from a school district access point using a non-school district Internet accounts.

- Commit or attempt to commit any willful act involving the use of the network, which disrupts the operation of the network within the school district or any network connected to the Internet, including the use or possession of computer viruses.

In addition to those penalties set forth in the student discipline code, a violation of this Network and Internet policy may also result in the loss of Network and Internet privileges. Violations may also result in other disciplinary or legal action.

The Internet contains information pertaining to a variety of subjects. Not all this information is accurate or reliable, particularly where the advice of medical, legal, accounting or other professionals would be appropriate. Users are advised not to rely on advice found on the Internet. The school district is not responsible for such advice.

The school district does not guarantee or imply that access to the Network or the Internet will always be available when students want to access it or that the software provided by the district will always work as intended. The school district is not responsible for failures in the operation or technical functioning of the Internet or the computers or software used to access the Internet.

Acceptable Use Policy User Agreement Form

As a user of the Livingston Manor Central School District's computer network, I hereby agree to comply with the previous stated rules.

Name of Student _____

Date _____

Home Telephone # _____

Student Signature _____