

The Lynbrook Public Schools **Acceptable Use Agreement**

The Lynbrook School District has actively pursued making advanced technology available to our students and staff. Lynbrook has established a computer network to facilitate this goal. Likewise, the District has also secured online services and other cloud-based resources to assist with these learning objectives. We believe this digital technology will help propel the Lynbrook School Community into the Information Age.

Acceptable Use

The purpose of the District's technology, including access to the Internet, online services secured by the District, and other cloud-based resources, is to facilitate communications in support of research and education by providing access to unique resources and opportunities for collaborative work. To remain eligible as a user, the use of your account must be in support of and consistent with the educational objectives of the District.

The District endeavors to provide and maintain a school environment and computer network that is free from harassment, bullying and discrimination. Accordingly, the District expects all network users to comply with applicable anti-discrimination laws at all times. This includes, but is not limited to, compliance with the Dignity For All Students Act ("DASA") as well as the District's policies and regulations pertaining to harassment, bullying and discrimination.

Transmission of any material in violation of any federal or state regulation is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material, expressions of bigotry, racism or hate, or material protected by trade secret.

Privilege

The use of the District's technology, including access to the Internet, online services secured by the district, and other cloud-based resources, is a privilege and not a right. Inappropriate use, including any violation of this acceptable use agreement, may result in cancellation of this privilege. The District reserves the right to deny, revoke, or suspend user accounts.

There is no right to privacy when utilizing the District's technological resources including but not limited to the use of district email and the use of the district network to access the Internet, online services secured by the district, and other cloud-based resources. The District has established a network filtering system and implemented other monitoring software that has the ability to track and create reports regarding specific individuals' use of network resources. These tracking reports may be used to enforce the acceptable use of the district's technological resources on the part of its users. The District may provide these reports to law enforcement in the course of criminal investigations.

Vandalism and harassment will result in cancellation of user privileges. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to modify, harm, or destroy data of another user or the computer network itself. This provision extends to any online service or cloud-based resource provided by the District. This includes the uploading or creating of computer viruses. Harassment is defined as the persistent annoyance of another user, or the interference with another user's work. Harassment includes, but is not limited to, the sending of unwanted email or other electronic communications.

Users are encouraged to report incidences of online harassment, bullying, and vandalism as they become aware of them. Reports may be made through the District's Reportit.com account or directly to the Director of Technology.

Security

Security of the District's network and related online services and other cloud-based resources is a high priority. Users must never allow others to use their login information. Users must also protect their password(s) and regularly change it (them) in accord with District technology practices to ensure system security and their own privilege and ability to continue to use the system. Users are responsible for all activity that occurs under their user name and password. If a user thinks that his or her login credentials have been compromised, then it should be reported immediately to the Technology Office. Any person who uses the login information of another user will be subject to disciplinary action including but not limited to suspension or cancellation of the user's account.

Encounter of Controversial Material

Users may from time to time encounter material which is controversial, and which users, parents, teachers or administrators may consider inappropriate or offensive. While the District provides a system that seeks to limit such exposure, this system is not capable of blocking all such material at all times. It is a user's responsibility not to initiate access to such material and to immediately disengage from such content when encountered. Students must also immediately report any encounter with such materials to their teacher who will report the incident to the Director of Technology.

Penalties For Improper Use

Any user violating these acceptable uses of the district technology, including the District network, online services secured by the District, and other cloud-based resources are subject to loss of network privileges and other disciplinary procedures. Any questions regarding this agreement should be directed to the Director of Technology.

User Acceptance of the Acceptable Use Agreement

I understand and will abide by this acceptable use agreement. I further understand that any violation of the acceptable use agreement is unethical and may constitute a criminal offense. Should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked and appropriate disciplinary action and/or legal action may be taken.

Date: _____ Student's Grade: _____

Student Name (print): _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent or Guardian Acceptance of the Acceptable Use Agreement

As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read the Internet Use Agreement. I understand that this access is designed for educational purposes. I also recognize that it is impossible to restrict access to controversial material and I will not hold Lynbrook responsible for materials acquired from the Internet. I also release the District from any and all claims and damages arising from my child's use or inability to use the system. Further, I accept full responsibility for supervision if and when my child's use is not in a school setting. I hereby give permission to issue an account to my child.

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name (print): _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____