

## Policy LJNDB Use of Technology Resources In Instruction

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Purpose: To establish the board's vision and the basic structure for the use of technology resources in instruction.

### Electronic technology and instruction

The technology mission of Calhoun School District is to incorporate technology into the educational program in order to improve instruction, prepare students to become productive members of a changing society, provide continuous access to information for all and provide efficient, effective information management.

The district believes that this educational opportunity also demands personal responsibility and an understanding of the acceptable use policy for the Internet by students, parents and staff. Failure to follow acceptable use rules will result in the loss of the privilege to use this educational tool.

It must be recognized that while the district has established acceptable use policies, there may be unacceptable material or communications that students can access due to the inability to control materials available on other computer systems. The district does not condone the use of such materials.

A district technology committee will annually review the status of the utilization of technology in achieving our mission statement. The committee will update the District Technology Plan, prepare recommended appropriate policies and make recommendations to the superintendent.

See [LJNDB-E\(1\)](#) for Parent Permission Letter and [LJNDB-E\(2\)](#) for Internet Network Access Agreement.

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### File IJNDB-E(1) Parent Permission Letter

Dear Parents:

The school system has the ability to enhance your child's education through the use of computers. Your child will be able to communicate through electronic mail and Internet. Electronic mail is the sending and receiving of messages through the use of a computer account and password. Internet is a network of information available through the use of a computer. Internet allows your child the opportunity to reach out to many other people, share information, learn concepts, etc. Your child may be communicating with other students or adults from other parts of the world.

It is very important that messages sent over electronic mail be written appropriately. The reason for this is that the people receiving the messages can forward the messages to others or post them on electronic bulletin board systems for anyone to read. Therefore, the messages should not contain profanity, obscene comments, sexually explicit material, expressions of bigotry, racism or hate. Also they should not contain personal information that you would not want any stranger to have such as your name, address or phone number.

With the educational opportunity, your child is given an account number and allowed to use the computers. It is extremely important that the rules are followed. The use of inappropriate material may result in the loss of the privilege to use this educational tool.

Parents, remember that you are legally responsible for your child's actions. Please stress to your child the importance of using only his/her own account number and password and the importance of keeping it a secret from other students. Your child should under NO circumstances let anyone else use their account number and password!

Please take time to sit down with your child to read and discuss the Internet Network Access Agreement. Then sign and return to us the statement provided as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

The Staff of the Calhoun County Public Schools

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**File LINDB-E(2) Internet Network Access Agreement**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsoring teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

I accept responsibility to abide by the Internet Network Access policies of the Calhoun County School District as stated in this agreement. I agree to the following.

- to use the Internet network in support of education and research, consistent with the educational objectives of the Calhoun County School District.
- use the Internet network only with the permission of the responsible teacher
- to be considerate of other users on the network and use appropriate language for school situations as indicated by the school codes of conduct
- not knowingly degrade or disrupt Internet network services or equipment, as such activity is considered a crime under state and federal law; this includes, but is not limited to, tampering with computer hardware or software, vandalizing data, invoking computer viruses, attempting to gain access to restricted or unauthorized network services or violating copyright laws
- immediately report any problems or breeches of these responsibilities to the responsible teacher
- not divulge personal information over the Internet

I understand that any conduct that is in conflict with these responsibilities is unethical and will result in termination of network access and possible disciplinary action.

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

As parent/guardian of this student, I have read the responsibilities for Internet Network Access.

I understand that Internet access is designed for educational purposes and that Calhoun County School District has taken all available precautions to eliminate access to controversial material.

I understand that any conduct by the above named student that is in conflict with these responsibilities is unethical and such behavior will result in the termination of access and possible disciplinary action as indicated by the school codes of conduct.

I have reviewed these responsibilities with my child and I hereby give permission to the Calhoun County School District to provide Internet network access.

Parent/Guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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