

Student Internet Policy

CIPA. All users of the Internet must comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), 47 U.S. C 254. Access by minors to inappropriate matter on the Internet and World Wide Web is prohibited on the LDoE network. Using electronic mail, chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communications is prohibited on the LDOE network. Unauthorized access including "hacking" and other unlawful activities by minors online is prohibited on the LDOE network. Unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal information regarding minors is prohibited by LDOE. Measures designed to restrict minors' access to materials harmful to minors are in place at LDOE.

Internet access to global electronic information resources on the World Wide Web is provided by the Laguna Department of Education to assist students in obtaining school related data and technology. The following guidelines have been established to help ensure responsible and productive Internet usage. All Internet usage is filtered through a web filter and firewall.

All Internet data that is composed, transmitted, or received via our computer communications systems is considered to be part of the official records of the Department and, as such, is subject to disclosure to law enforcement or other third parties. Consequently, students should always ensure that the business information contained in Internet e-mail messages and other transmissions is accurate, appropriate, ethical, and lawful.

Data that is composed, transmitted, accessed, or received via the Internet must not contain content that could be considered discriminatory, offensive, obscene, threatening, harassing, intimidating, or disruptive to any employee or other person. Examples of unacceptable content may include, but are not limited to, sexual comments or images, racial slurs, gender-specific comments, or any other comments or images that could reasonably offend someone on the basis of race, age, sex, religious or political beliefs, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, or any other characteristic protected by law.

The unauthorized use, installation, copying, or distribution of copyrighted, trademarked, or patented material on the Internet is expressly prohibited. Abuse of the Internet access provided by LDoE in violation of law or LDoE policies will result in disciplinary action, up to and including suspension from school. Students may also be held personally responsible for any violations of this policy. The following behaviors are examples of previously stated or additional actions and activities that are prohibited and can result in disciplinary action:

- Sending or posting discriminatory, harassing, or threatening messages or images
- Using the organization's time and resources for personal gain
- Stealing, using, or disclosing someone else's code or password without authorization
- Copying, pirating, or downloading software and electronic files without permission
- Sending or posting confidential material, trade secrets, or proprietary
- Failing to observe licensing agreements

- Engaging in unauthorized transactions that may incur a cost to the organization or initiate unwanted Internet services and transmissions
- Sending or posting messages or material that could damage the organization's image or reputation
- Participating in the viewing or exchange of pornography or obscene materials
- Sending or posting messages that defame or slander other individuals
- Attempting to break into the computer system of another organization or person
- Refusing to cooperate with a security investigation
- Sending or posting chain letters, solicitations, or advertisements not related to business purposes or activities
- Using the Internet for political causes or activities, religious activities, or any sort of gambling
- Sending or posting messages that disparage another organization's products or services
- Passing off personal views as representing those of the organization
- Sending anonymous e-mail messages
- Engaging in any other illegal activities

The I.T. department or designated representatives will provide age-appropriate training for students who use the LDoE's Internet facilities. The training provided will be designed to promote the LDoE's commitment to:

1. The standards and acceptable use of Internet services as set forth in the LDoE's Internet Safety Policy;
2. Student safety with regard to:
 - a. Safety on the Internet;
 - b. Appropriate behavior while on online, on social networking Web sites, and in chat rooms; and
 - c. Cyber bullying awareness and response.
3. Compliance with the E-rate requirements of the Children's Internet Protection Act ("CIPA").

Following receipt of this training, the student will acknowledge that he/she received the training, understood it, and will follow the provisions of the District acceptable use policies.

Student Internet Account Agreement

Student Section

Student Name _____ Grade _____
School _____

I have “read” the LDoE’s Student Internet Use Policy with my parent. I agree to follow the rules contained in this policy. I understand that if I violate the rules in this policy, my account can be terminated and I shall face other disciplinary measures.

Student Signature

Date

Parent or Guardian Section

I have “read” the LDoE’s Student Internet Use Policy with my child.
I hereby release the LDoE, its personnel, and any institutions with which it is affiliated from any and all claims and damages of any nature arising from my child’s use of, or inability to use, the LDoE connection, including but not limited to claims that shall arise from the unauthorized use of the connection to purchase products or services or exposure to potentially harmful or inappropriate material or people.
I understand that I can be held liable for damages caused by my child’s intentional misuse of the connection. I shall instruct my child regarding any restrictions against accessing material that are in addition to the restrictions set forth in the LDoE policy. I shall emphasize to my child the importance of following the rules for personal safety.

(Please Initial)

I hereby give _____ do not give _____ permission for my child to use the Internet. I understand that this permission includes permission for my child to access information through the Web, receive e-mail communications through a class account, and engage in other educationally relevant electronic communication activities.

I hereby give _____ do not give _____ permission for the school to post the following information and material on the Internet: Students shall use limited student identification (first name and last initial or other school-developed identifier).

I hereby give _____ do not give _____ permission to post my child’s picture, whether single or in a group, identified with the limited student identification or in a group not identified on the LDoE Internet website.

I hereby give _____ do not give _____ permission to post my child’s works, whether single or in a group, under the copyright policy, on the LDoE Internet website.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

School Administration Signature