

COMPUTER NETWORK AND INTERNET  
ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY AGREEMENT  
FOR STUDENTS OF THE NEW LEXINGTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

The District is pleased to provide our staff and our students with access to interconnected computer systems within the District and to the Internet via a worldwide network that provides various means of accessing significant educational materials and opportunities, all in accordance with New Lexington City School District Board of Education Policy 7540.03, Student Network and Internet Acceptable Use and Safety.

In order for the District to continue making its computer network and Internet access available, all students must take responsibility for appropriate and lawful use of this access. Students must understand that under certain circumstances one person's misuse of the network and/or Internet access may jeopardize the ability of all users to enjoy such access (e.g. YouTube, Twitter, etc.). Teachers and other staff members will make reasonable efforts to supervise student use of network and Internet access and develop classroom policies that promote student cooperation in exercising and promoting responsible use of this access in accordance with Board Policy 7540.03. However, parents are advised that students may be able to gain access to services and/or resources on the Internet that the Board has not authorized for educational purposes. As such, parents must assume risks by consenting to allow their child to participate in the use of the Internet while at school.

The District recognizes the need to prevent students from accidentally or intentionally accessing inappropriate material via the Internet. To that end, the District has instituted the use of an Internet filter that prevents access to many sites that are known to violate the New Lexington City School's Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) and Internet Safety Policy. Filters are, however, imperfect devices and are not a reliable substitute for monitoring students' activities by their teachers and/or by other staff. Students should be guided to appropriate sites and be monitored by staff members since the filter may not prevent some students from reaching inappropriate material. Staff members will monitor students' online activities while at school. Staff and students may be permitted to use their own personal communications equipment. Staff members should be especially vigilant in monitoring student use of personal electronic communication equipment if permitted. The use of personal communications equipment must be for educational purposes only or as directed by the student handbook. Staff monitoring of student Internet and network use may include, but is not necessarily limited to, visual observations of online activities during class sessions; or use of specific monitoring tools to review browser history and network, server and computer logs.

Attached is an Agreement which addresses and encompasses the requirements of the District's Acceptable Use and Internet Safety Policy ("Policy") and is in accordance with the operating standards of the Data Acquisition Site that provides Internet access to the District. Upon reviewing, signing, and returning this Agreement as having been directed, each student will be given access to network resources and will agree to follow the Policy provisions. Any parent or guardian or a student under the age of 18 may direct that the student not be given access to the internet. An "opt-out" form for this purpose may be obtained from the school.

Listed below are the provisions of your agreement regarding computer network and Internet use. If you have any questions about these provisions, you should contact the Building Principal, Technology Director or the Superintendent. If any user violates the Policy and/or Agreement,

he/she may be subject to disciplinary action and/or may have his/her Internet access suspended or revoked.

### **I. Personal Responsibility**

By signing this Agreement, you are agreeing not only to follow the rules in the Policy as well as this Agreement, but are also agreeing to report any misuse of the network to the person designated by the school for such reporting. Misuse means any violations of the Policy or this Agreement or any other use that is not included in the Policy or Agreement but has the effect of harming another or his/her property.

### **II. Term of the Permitted Use**

A student who submits to the school district, as directed, a properly signed Policy Agreement and follows the Policy and Agreement to which he or she has agreed will have computer network and Internet access.

### **III. Acceptable Uses**

**A. Educational Purposes Only.** The school district is providing access to its computer networks and to the Internet for educational purposes. If you have any doubt about whether a contemplated activity is educational, you may consult with the Building Principal, Technology Director or the Superintendent.

**B. Network Policies.** All users must abide by rules of network etiquette which include:

1. Use appropriate language. Do not use profanity, obscenity or other language which may be offensive to other users. Illegal activities are strictly forbidden.
2. Do not reveal your personal home address or phone number or any personally identifiable information (including educational records) of students or colleagues.
3. Note that electronic mail (e-mail) is not guaranteed to be private. The Technology Director has access to all messages. Any messages regarding illegal activities will be reported to authorities.
4. Use of the computer and/or network is not for financial gain or for any commercial or illegal activity.
5. The network should not be used in such a way that it disrupts the use of the network by others.
6. All communications and information accessible via the network should be assumed to be property of the District.
7. Rules and regulations of online etiquette are subject to change by the administration and will be published accordingly.
8. The user in whose name an online service account is issued is responsible for its proper use at all times. Users shall keep personal account numbers and passwords private. They shall use this system only under the account numbers issued by the District unless authorized by the Building Principal, Technology Director, Superintendent, or Supervisor.
9. The system shall be used only for purposes related to education or administration. Commercial, political and/or personal use of the system is strictly prohibited. The administration reserves the right to monitor any computer activity and online communications for improper use.

10. Users shall not use the system to encourage the use of drugs, alcohol or tobacco nor shall they promote unethical practices or any activity prohibited by law or Board policy.
11. Users shall not view, download or transmit material that is threatening, obscene, disruptive or sexually explicit or that could be construed as harassment, bullying or disparagement of others based on their race, color, national origin, citizenship status, sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, religion, economic status, military status, political beliefs or any other personal or physical characteristics.
12. Copyrighted material may not be placed on the system without the author's permission.
13. Vandalism results in the cancellation of user privileges. Vandalism includes uploading/downloading any inappropriate material, creating computer viruses and/or any malicious attempt to harm or destroy equipment or materials or the data of any other user.
14. Users shall not read other users' mail or files unless authorized by the Building Principal, Technology Director, Superintendent, or Supervisor; they shall not attempt to interfere with other users' ability to send or receive electronic mail, nor shall they attempt to read, delete, copy, modify or forge other users' mail.
15. Users shall report any security problem or misuse of the network to the teacher, his/her immediate supervisor or building administrator.

### **C. Hacking and Other Illegal Activities.**

It is a violation of the Policy to use the school's computer network or the Internet to gain unauthorized access to other computer systems or to attempt to such unauthorized access. Any use that violates local, state, or federal law is strictly prohibited and will be reported to appropriate authorities.

### **D. Confidentiality of Student Information.**

Personally identifiable information about students may not be disclosed or used in any way over the Internet without the permission of a parent or guardian, or if a student is over the age of 18, the permission of the student himself/herself. A supervisor or administrator may authorize the release of information, as defined by Ohio law, for internal administrative purposes or educational projects and activities.

## **IV. Privacy**

Network and Internet access is provided as a tool for education. The District reserves the right to monitor, inspect, copy, review, and store at any time and without prior notice any and all usage of the computer network and Internet access and any and all information transmitted or received in connection with such usage. All such information files shall be and shall remain the property of the District, and no user shall have any expectation of privacy regarding such materials.

## **V. Warranties/Indemnifications**

The District makes no warranties of any kind, either expressed or implied, in connection with its provision of access to and use of its computer networks and the Internet provided under this Policy and Agreement. It shall not be responsible for any claims, losses, damages or costs (including attorney's fees) of any kind suffered, directly or indirectly, by any arising out of the user's use of its computer networks or the Internet under this Policy and Agreement. By signing this Policy and Agreement, a user is taking full responsibility for his/her use and is agreeing to indemnify and hold the school, the District, the Data Acquisition Site that provides the computer

and Internet access opportunity to the District and all of their administrators, teachers and staff harmless from any and all loss, costs, claims or damages resulting from the user's access to its computer network and the Internet, including but not limited to any fees or charges incurred through purchases of goods or services by the user.

## **VI. Updates**

Users may be asked from time-to-time to provide new or additional registration and account information or to sign a new Policy and Agreement; for example, to reflect developments in the law or technology.

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REVISED:

### *Legal References:*

Children's Internet Protection Act of 2000 (H.R. 4577, P.L. 106-554) Communications Act of 1934, as amended (47 U.S.C. 254[h],[l]) Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended (20 U.S.C. 6801 et seq., Part F)

## STUDENT'S AGREEMENT

*Every student, regardless of age, must read and sign below:*

I have read, understand and agree to abide by the terms of the Acceptable Use and Internet Safety Policy of the New Lexington City School District. Should I commit any violation or in any way misuse my access to the School District's computer network and/or the Internet, I understand and agree that my access privilege may be suspended or revoked and that the school may take disciplinary action against me.

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Student name (PRINT CLEARLY)

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Home phone

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Student signature

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Date

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Address

User (place an "X" in the correct blank): I am 18 or older \_\_\_\_\_ I am under 18 \_\_\_\_\_

If I am signing this Agreement when I am under 18, I understand that when I turn 18 this Agreement will continue to be in full force and effect, and I will continue to abide by the Acceptable Use and Internet Safety Policy.

## PARENT OR GUARDIAN'S RECEIPT

I have received a copy of the New Lexington City School District's Acceptable Use and Internet Safety Policy relating to the student's access to the School District's computer network and the Internet. I have read it and hereby authorize my student to consent to its terms.

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Parent or Guardian signature(s)

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Date

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Parent or Guardian (PRINT NAME)

Please retain Page 1-4 for your information and return the completed Page 5 to your child's school.

DENIAL OF PERMISSION FOR INTERNET ACCESS

BYPARENT OR GUARDIAN

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Student' s name

***[May be signed by parents or guardians of students who are under 18:]***

I have received a copy of the New Lexington City School District's Acceptable Use and Internet Safety Policy for the student' s access to the School District's computer network and the Internet.

I DO NOT wish the above student to have access to the Internet.

I understand that my student may be required to complete alternate assignments as a result of this denial of permission for Internet access.

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Parent or Guardian name(s) (PRINT CLEARLY)

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Home Phone

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Parent or Guardian signature

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Student signature

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Date

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Address

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