



Acceptable Use Agreement

Please read this document carefully before signing it

We are pleased to offer students and employees of **Lubbock Christian School** access to the Internet. We believe the Internet offers vast, diverse, and unique resources to both students and employees. It is the intent of **Lubbock Christian School** to make online resources available to students and staff in order to promote personal growth in information gathering techniques, critical thinking skills, and communication skills.

These guidelines are provided here so you are aware of the responsibilities you are about to acquire. Internet access is given to students and employees who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. In general, this requires efficient, ethical, and legal utilization of the network resources. **Access to the Internet is a privilege - not a right. Access entails responsibility. If a Lubbock Christian School user violates any of the following provisions, his or her account may be terminated and future access could possibly be denied, as well as other disciplinary or legal action.**

The system administrators may close an account at any time as required. The administration, faculty, and staff of **Lubbock Christian School** may request the system administrators to deny, revoke, or suspend specific user accounts. The signature(s) at the end of this document is (are) legally binding and indicate the party (parties) who signed has (have) read the terms and conditions and understand(s) their significance.

Lubbock Christian School Internet Service Provider will filter the material available to students and employees. This filter will be designed so that objectionable materials are not easily available. While our intent is to make Internet access available to further educational goals and objectives, an industrious user may discover ways to access controversial materials as well. Students and parents must be informed that inappropriate materials could be encountered during students' research. If such inappropriate material is inadvertently encountered, it shall be disengaged from immediately.

Inappropriate Use: Inappropriate use includes, but is not limited to, those uses that violate the law, that are specifically named as violations in this document, that violate the rules of network etiquette, or that hamper the integrity or security of this or any components that connected to the Network/Internet. The following actions are considered inappropriate uses and are prohibited.

Violations of Law: Transmission of any material in violation of any U.S. or state law is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to: copyrighted material; threatening, harassing, or obscene material; or material protected by trade secret. Any attempt to break the law through the use of a **Lubbock Christian School** Network/Internet account may result in litigation against the offender by the proper authorities. If such an event should occur, **Lubbock Christian School** will fully comply with the authorities to provide any information necessary for the litigation process.

Modification of Computer: Modifying or changing computer settings and/or internal or external configurations without appropriate permission is prohibited.

Commercial Use: Use for the purpose of product advertisement, commercial, income-generating or "for-profit" activities is prohibited.

Vandalism/Mischief: Any malicious attempt to harm or destroy School equipment or materials, data of another user of the School's system, or any of the agencies or other networks to which the School has access is prohibited. Deliberate attempts to degrade or disrupt system performance may be viewed as violations of School guidelines and, possibly, as criminal activity under applicable state and federal laws, including the Texas Penal Code, Computer Crimes, Chapter 33. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creating of computer viruses. Vandalism as defined above will result in the cancellation of system use privileges, possible prosecution, and will require restitution for costs associated with system restoration, hardware, or software costs.

Electronic Mail Violations: Forgery of electronic mail messages is prohibited. Reading, deleting, copying, or modifying the electronic mail of other users, without their permission is prohibited. Sending unsolicited junk mail, chain letters, political lobbying, transmitting obscene messages or pictures is prohibited.

File/Data Violations: Deleting, examining, copying, or modifying files and/or data belonging to other users, without their permission is prohibited.

Copyright Violations: Downloading or using copyrighted information without following approved **Lubbock Christian School** procedures is prohibited.

System Interference/Alteration: Deliberate attempts to exceed, evade or change resource quotas are prohibited. The deliberate causing of network congestion through mass consumption of system resources is prohibited.

Consequences of Agreement Violation: Any attempt to violate the provisions of this agreement may result in revocation of the user's access to the Network/Internet, regardless of the success or failure of the attempt is prohibited. In addition, school disciplinary action and/or appropriate legal action may be taken.

Security

Reporting Security Problem: If knowledge of inappropriate material or a security problem on the Network/Internet is identified, the user should immediately notify his/her supervisor. The security problem should not be shared with others.

Impersonation: Attempts to log on to the Network/Internet impersonating a system administrator or **Lubbock Christian School** employee will result in revocation of the user's access to Network/Internet.

Other Security Risks: Any user identified as having had access privileges revoked or denied on another computer system may be denied access to the **Lubbock Christian School** Network/Internet.

Warning: Sites accessible via the Network/Internet may contain material that is illegal, defamatory, inaccurate or controversial. **Lubbock Christian School** makes every effort to limit access to objectionable material; however, controlling all such materials on the Network/Internet is impossible. With global access to computers and people, a risk exists that students may access material that may not be of educational value in the school setting. The **Lubbock Christian** Internet connection is the only system to be used in schools. No commercial internet accounts may be used.

Disclaimer

This agreement applies to stand-alone computers as well as computers connected to the Network/Internet. **Lubbock Christian School** shall not be liable for users' inappropriate use of electronic communication resources or violations of copyright restrictions, users' mistakes or negligence, or costs incurred by users. **Lubbock Christian School** shall not be responsible for ensuring the accuracy or usability of any information found on the Internet.

As a user of the **Lubbock Christian School** computer network, I understand and hereby agree to abide by the above stated Internet and Online Services-User Agreement. I further understand that any violation of the regulations above is unethical and may constitute a criminal offense. Should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked, school disciplinary action may be taken, and/or appropriate legal action taken.

Student Name (please print): _____

Grade: _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

As the parent or legal guardian of the minor student signing above, I have read the Internet and Online Acceptable User Policy. I also accept that it is impossible for **Lubbock Christian School** to restrict access to all controversial materials, and I will not hold **Lubbock Christian School** responsible for materials acquired on the network. I accept responsibility for guidance of Internet use at home, setting and conveying standards for my daughter or son to follow when selecting, sharing or exploring information and media.

Parent Name (please print): _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____