

POLICY ON ACCEPTABLE USE OF INTERNET

Immanuel Lutheran School (ILS) has the technological capability to broaden your child's educational experiences through the use of the Internet. Students and staff alike will have access to the Internet information highway which connects computers and users to the global network community.

Features available via the Internet may include the following:

- e-mail (communication with other e-mail accounts)
- world-wide web researching tools which link to educational and governmental sources, museums, libraries, consumer services, etc.
- educational news groups, discussion groups and chat rooms which will build connected learning communities

RESPONSIBILITY CONCERNS

This expanded access and opportunity requires added responsibility. You and your child should read and discuss the following guidelines and policies so you will understand your responsibilities and accountability for your actions as Internet users.

As with most innovative tools and advancements, the Internet may be used positively or negatively. Our purposes are to positively assist your child in expanding his/her research, communication, and writing skills, and to broaden scientific and cultural knowledge and understanding of the global community which is now accessible through our classrooms and homes.

Although your student's use of the Internet will be supervised by staff, one-on-one constant watchfulness is not possible. We cannot guarantee that your child will not gain access to inappropriate materials. Ultimately, parent(s) or guardian(s) are responsible for conveying the standards that their child or ward should follow. Under teacher supervision and in correlation with curriculum goals, your child's learning will be broadened and some class assignments will be completed using the Internet in the classroom setting.

Specific User Responsibilities: Internet use is for educational purposes and is a privilege, not a right. Appropriate ethics, rules, communication manners, and Internet etiquette should be followed.

Specific Supervisory Responsibilities: The Board of Education's goal is to include the Internet in the instructional program to promote educational excellence and advancement by facilitating resource sharing, research, and communication.

The supervising staff or teacher will decide what is inappropriate use and his/her decision is final as to termination or continuance of Internet access for that day. Consultation between the principal and the teacher will determine termination length. Permanent termination results in loss of Internet privileges for the remainder of the school year.

Electronic communications and downloaded materials may be monitored or read by school officials.

Curriculum: The access to the Internet allowed your child will vary according to the educational purpose and grade-level curriculum. Learning styles, abilities, and developmental levels of students will also be considered. The Internet is part of the curriculum and is not a public forum for general use and exploration.

No Warranties: Immanuel Lutheran School makes no warranties of any kind, expressed or implied, for the Internet service it is providing. ILS is not responsible for any damages you suffer including loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, or service interruptions caused by its negligence or your errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at your own risk, and ILS denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through Internet access.

ILS is not responsible for any information that may be lost, damaged, or unavailable when using the network or for any information that is retrieved via the Internet. In addition, ILS is not responsible for any unauthorized charges or fees resulting from improper access or use of the Internet.

Vandalism: Vandalism will result in cancellation of privileges and may involve other disciplinary action. Any malicious attempt to harm or destroy data of another user, the Internet, or any other network constitutes vandalism. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creation or computer viruses.

Unauthorized Charges or Fees: ILS assumes no responsibility for any unauthorized charges or fees, including telephone, long-distance, per-minute surcharges, etc. incurred by improper student or adult use of the Internet.

Compensation: The user agrees to reimburse ILS for any losses, costs, or damages, including reasonable attorney fees, incurred by ILS relating to, or arising out of, any breach of the Authorization for Internet Access.

Security: If any user identifies a security problem on the Internet, he/she must notify the Principal. Unauthorized use of account names or passwords or attempts to log on to the Internet as system or teacher administrators will result in cancellation of privileges.

- Students, parents, guardians, staff, community and board members need only sign the *Authorization for Internet Access Form* once while enrolled, employed, or allowed Internet use by Immanuel Lutheran School. Please read this document carefully before signing because any user who fails to follow the terms of the Authorization for Internet Access Form may be subject to disciplinary action, loss of privileges, and/or appropriate legal action. The signature on this document is legally binding and indicates that the party who signed has read the terms and conditions and understands their meaning.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF INTERNET ACCESS AND USE

ACCEPTABLE USE: Access to ILS's Internet must be used for the purposes of education and must be consistent with the educational objectives of ILS.

Network Etiquette:

- Be polite. Do not be sarcastic or abusive.
- Use appropriate language. Do not swear or use vulgarities.
- Do not reveal personal addresses, e-mail addresses, or telephone numbers of students or colleagues.
- Recognize that e-mail is not private. Service Providers who operate the system have access to all mail, and messages relating to illegal activities may be reported to authorities.
- Do not use the Internet in any way that would disrupt its use by other users. Consider all communications and information to be private property.

PRIVILEGES – Internet access and use is a privilege, not a right. The Principal will decide what is inappropriate use, and his/her decision is final as to termination, suspension, or continuance of Internet access.

UNACCEPTABLE USE:

- Using another person's password.
- Using another person's files, system, or data without permission.
- Using computer programs to decode passwords or to access control information.
- Attempting to circumvent or subvert system security measures.
- Engaging in any activity that might be harmful to systems or to any information stored thereon, such as creating viruses, damaging files, or disrupting service.
- Making or using illegal copies of copyrighted software, storing such copies on school systems, or sending them over the networks.
- Intentionally wasting computing resources.
- Searching randomly using sensational topics or words that might lead to objectionable graphics and information.

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Student Use Form

I have read and understand the terms and conditions of this Internet Acceptable Use Policy.

Student's Printed Name _____

Student's Signature _____

I have discussed it with my child or guardian and request that he/she be allowed access to Immanuel Lutheran School's Internet. I accept full responsibility if and when my child's use is not in a supervised classroom. I will hold harmless Immanuel Lutheran School and its staff or representatives for any harm caused by materials or software obtained via the Internet.

Parent/Guardian Printed Name _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date

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