



La Sierra Academy ACCEPTABLE USE OF INTERNET FOR STUDENTS

Student's Name _____ Grade _____

In consideration for the use of La Sierra Academy's computing and network resources, the following agreement will apply. This agreement has been written using language appropriate so that it may be more easily understood by students. Prior to signing this agreement, users (and in the case of a minor, a parent/guardian) must read, understand and agree to abide by its provisions. By signing this agreement, users (and in the case of a minor, a parent/guardian) agree to abide by its guidelines.

We are pleased to announce that Internet electronic information services are now available to students in our school. La Sierra Academy strongly believes in the educational value of these services and recognizes the potential to the curriculum and student learning. Our goal is to promote educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation and communication. LSA will make every effort to protect students and teachers from any misuses and abuses as a result of their experiences with an information service.

Please read this contract carefully. When signed by the student and their parent/guardian, **it becomes a legally binding contract**. Students must read and initial each section of the contract. Both the student and the parent/guardian must sign this contract before they gain access to the Internet.

If a student violates the provisions of this contract, campus wide access to the Internet may be denied, and appropriate disciplinary action will be taken. In addition, all student users should be aware that the inappropriate use of electronic information resources could be a violation of local, state and federal laws. Violations can lead to prosecution.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Personal Responsibility

I understand and take responsibility for using the computer network correctly.

No inappropriate language will be used on computer network.

No messages sent or received will indicate or suggest racism, sexism, or pornography.

No pictures or text that are personal or private may be used.

All misuse of the computer network must be reported to a teacher or administrator.

I have read and understand this provision. Student Initial _____

2. Acceptable Use

I will use all school computers for educational purposes and for completing classroom projects, research and assignments. If I copy information directly from the computer network, I will always give credit to the author in the bibliography. I will not attempt to buy, sell, or advertise anything on the school network.

I have read and understand this provision. Student Initial _____

3. Privileges

Using the school's computing and network resources is a privilege and not a right. Any inappropriate use will result in loss of those privileges. The school administration will use the guidelines continued herein to determine whether a student's use of these resources is inappropriate and the decision made is final.

I have read and understand this provision. Student Initial _____

4. Network Etiquette and Privacy

Users of the computer network are expected to follow the accepted rules of network etiquette. These rules include but are not limited to:

Use appropriate language- Remember that you are a representative of our school and educational system.

Privacy-Do not give anyone’s home address, phone number, or personal information.

E-Mail-Electronic email can be read by anybody. Privacy of email cannot be guaranteed.

Disruptions-Do not use the network in any way that would disrupt use of the network by others.

Other considerations:

Be brief.

Write messages correctly, with appropriate spelling and grammar usage.

I have read and understand this provision. Student Initial _____

5. Services

La Sierra Academy has no control over the Internet. LSA will not be responsible for any damages suffered while on the computer network system. These damages include loss of data or service interruptions caused by the systems or by user errors or omissions. Use of any information gathered from network system is at the user’s own risk. LSA specifically denies responsibility for the accuracy of information obtained through its network service.

I have read and understand this provision. Student Initial _____

6. Vandalism

Vandalism is defined as any intentional act to harm or destroy the equipment, software or data of another user or any other agency or network connected to the system. This includes, but is not limited to the uploading or creation of computer viruses. **Any vandalism may result in the loss of computer services, disciplinary action and/or legal referral.**

I have read and understand this provision. Student Initial _____

Student User

I understand and will follow the rules and responsibilities for using the computer network. I understand that any violation of these rules and responsibilities may result in the loss of access to the computer, disciplinary action and/or appropriate legal action. It may also result in monetary compensation for services and/or repairs needed as a result of my violations. I also agree to report any misuse of the information system to the supervising teacher, staff, or administrator. Misuse includes messages sent or received that indicate or suggest pornography, racism, sexism, inappropriate language and other issues described above.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent or Guardian

As the parent or guardian for _____, I have read this contract and understand that use of the computer network is designed for educational purposes. **I understand that it is impossible for the La Sierra Academy to supervise and restrict access to all controversial materials, and I will not hold La Sierra Academy responsible** for materials acquired by my student on the network. I also agree to report any misuse of the information system to the La Sierra Academy administration. Misuse includes messages sent or received that indicate or suggest pornography, racism, sexism, inappropriate language and other issues described above.

I accept full responsibility for supervision if and when my child’s use of technology is not in the school setting. I hereby give my permission to allow my child access to the school network.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____