

Student Use of the Internet

Internet access shall be available to students and staff in the [Lake George Charter School](#). The Charter Board is very pleased to bring this access to the [Lake George Charter Schools](#) and believes this capability offer vast, diverse and unique resources to both students and teachers.

The goal of the charter board in providing this service to teachers and students is to promote educational excellence in the [Lake George Charter School](#) by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, collaboration and communication.

Explanation of the Internet

The Internet is an electronic highway connecting thousands of computers all over the world and millions of individual subscribers. Students and teachers have access to:

1. Electronic mail communication with people all over the world.
2. Information and news from NASA as well as the opportunity to correspond with the scientists at NASA and other research institutions.
3. Discussion groups on a plethora of topics ranging from Chinese culture to the environment; music to politics.
4. Access to many university library catalogues, the Library of Congress, CARL and ERIC

With access to computers and people all over the world also comes the availability of material that may not be considered to be of educational value in the context of the school setting. The [charter school](#) shall take available precautions, which are limited, to restrict access to controversial materials. However, on a global network, it is impossible to control all materials. An industrious user may discover controversial information in spite of precautions.

The board firmly believes that the educational value of information and the interaction available on this worldwide network outweigh the risks that users may procure material that is not consistent with the educational goals of the [charter school](#). One of the Board's goals is to support students in responsible use of this vast reservoir of information.

Internet access is coordinate through a complex association of government agencies, regional networks and private corporations. The smooth operation of the network relies upon the proper conduct of the end users who must adhere to strict guidelines. These guidelines are outlined in this policy and the accompanying regulation so that staff and students are aware of the responsibilities they are about to acquire. This requires efficient, ethical and legal utilization of the network resources.

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If a Lake George Charter School user violates any of the provisions of this policy, his or her account may be terminated and future access denied. The signature on the attached acceptable use contract is legally binding and indicates the party who signed has read the terms and conditions carefully and understands the significance of those terms.

LEGAL REF: 47 U.S.C. et seq. (*Communications Decency Act of 1995*)

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