

Student Use of the Internet (Terms and Conditions)

Acceptable use

The purpose of Internet access is to support education in and among the schools in [Lake George Charter School](#) by providing access to unique resources and the opportunity for collaborative work. The usual of an Internet account must be in support of education and academic research and be consistent with the educational objectives of the [charter school](#). Use of other organization's networks or computers resources must comply with the rules appropriate for that network. Transmission of any material in violation of any United States or state regulations is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material or material protected by trade secret. Use for product advertisement of political lobbying is generally not consistent with the purposes of [Lake George Charter School](#) Internet access. Illegal activities are strictly prohibited. Using an Internet account to play games (including MUDs) is not acceptable use.

Privileges

The use of [Lake George Charter School](#) Internet access is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use can result in a cancellation of those privileges. Each student who receives an account will be part of a discussion with an adult pertaining to the proper use of the network. Based upon the acceptable use guidelines outlined in Board policy and regulations, the system administrators will decide what is inappropriate use of the network and take appropriate action. The system administrators or project directors may suspend or close an account at any time as required. They must notify the user in writing within two weeks of the reason for suspension or termination of an account. The administration, faculty and staff of [Lake George Charter School](#) also may request the system administrator or project director to deny, revoke or suspend specific user accounts.

Students whose accounts are denied, suspended or revoked have the following rights:

1. To request a written statement from the project director or system administrator justifying the actions.
2. To submit a written appeal to the project director and, as a follow-up to this letter, have a meeting with the project director and any other involved or interested staff members. Students who are under 18 must have a parent or guardian present at the meeting.

Netiquette

Users are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Be polite. Do not write or send abusive messages to others.
2. Use appropriate language. Do not swear, use vulgarities or any other inappropriate language.
3. Do not reveal your personal address or phone number or those of students or colleagues.
4. Note that electronic mail (e-mail) is not guaranteed to be private. People who operate the system have access to all mail. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities may be reported to the authorities.
5. Do not use the network in such a way that you would disrupt the use of the network by other users (i.e. downloading large files during prime time; sending mass e-mail messages; annoying other users using the talk or write functions, etc.)
6. All communications and information accessible via the network should be assumed to be private property.

Reliability

Lake George Charter School makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. Lake George Charter School will not be responsible for any damages suffered. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries or service interruptions caused by its own negligence or user errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via Lake George Charter School Internet access is at the user's own risk. The charter school specifically denies any responsibility to the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its services.

Security

Security on any computer system is a high priority, especially when the system involves many users. If a user feels he or she can identify a security problem in the networks, the user must notify a system administrator immediately. The user should not:

1. Demonstrate the problem to other users.
2. Use another individual's account without written permission from that individual.
3. Give the user's password to any other individual.

Attempts to log on to the system administrator will result in cancellation of user privileges. Any user identified as a security risk or having a history of problems with other computer systems may be denied access to the charter school networks.

Vandalism

Vandalism may result in cancellation of privileges. Vandalism is defined as any attempt to harm or destroy data of another user. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses.

Updating user information

The [charter school](#) may occasionally require new registration and account information from users to continue the service. Users must notify a system administrator or project director of any changes in their account information (address, etc.). Currently, there are no user fees for this service.

Exception of terms of conditions

All terms and conditions as stated in this document are applicable to [Lake George Charter school](#) network users. These terms and conditions reflect the entire agreement of the parties and supersede all prior oral or written agreements and understandings of the parties. These terms and conditions will be governed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the state of Colorado and the United States.

Any [charter school](#) students or staff member may apply for an Internet account. To do so, an applicant must complete the contract and application (see the exhibit coded EHC-E that accompanies this regulation). Students should return the contract to the person from whom they received the contract. Staff members should return the contract to the project director.

First Reading Date: _____

Adoption Date: _____

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