

ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

Linton Hall School

General Information and Objectives

Internet access is now available to students and teachers of Linton Hall School. We are very pleased to bring this access to Linton Hall School and believe the Internet offers vast, diverse, and unique resources to both students and teachers. Our goal in providing this service to teachers and students is to promote educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication.

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

- Electronic mail communication with people all over the world.
- Information and news.
- Public domain and shareware of all types.
- Discussion groups on a vast range of topics.
- Educational resources.

With access to computers and people all over the world also comes availability of material that may not be considered to be of educational value in the context of the school setting. Linton Hall School has taken available precautions to restrict access to controversial and other materials deemed to be inappropriate. However, on a global network it is impossible to control all materials and an industrious user may discover controversial and inappropriate information. We firmly believe that the valuable information and interaction available on this worldwide network far outweighs the possibility that users may procure material that is not consistent with our educational goals.

Internet access is coordinated through a complex association of government agencies and regional and state networks. In addition, the smooth operation of the network relies upon the proper conduct of the end users who must adhere to strict guidelines. These guidelines are provided here so that you are aware of the responsibilities you are about to acquire. In general, this requires efficient, ethical, and legal utilization of the network resources. If a Linton Hall School user violates any of these provisions, his or her access will be terminated and future access could possibly be denied.

Terms and Conditions

- 1. Privileges:** The use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges. Each student who receives access will participate in a discussion with a Linton Hall School faculty member pertaining to the proper use of the network. The technology coordinator and teachers will deem what is inappropriate use and their decision is final. The school may deny, revoke, or suspend specific user access.

2. Netiquette: You are expected to abide by the general accepted rules of network etiquette. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Be polite. Your messages should not be abusive to others.
- Use appropriate language. Do not swear, use vulgarities, or any other language deemed inappropriate.
- Do not reveal your personal address or phone number. Do not reveal the personal addresses and/or phone numbers of fellow students or colleagues.
- Illegal activities are strictly forbidden.
- Note that electronic mail (e-mail) and other data transmitted utilizing the network is not guaranteed to be private. People who operate the system have access to all mail and other data. Messages or data relating to or in support of illegal activities may be reported to the authorities.
- Do not use the network in any way that you would disrupt network services for other users.
- All communications and information accessible via the network should be assumed to be private property.

3. Non-Liability: Linton Hall School makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. Linton Hall School will not be responsible for any damages suffered. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, nondeliveries, misdeliveries, or service interruptions caused by negligence, errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via Linton Hall School network is at the user's own risk.

4. Security: Security on any computer system is a high priority, especially when the system involves many users. If you feel you can identify a security problem on the Internet, you must notify a teacher who will in turn notify the Technology Coordinator. Do not use another individual's account without written permission from that individual. Attempts to login to the Internet as a 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 Internet.

5. Vandalism: Vandalism will result in cancellation of privileges. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy hardware, data of another user, Internet, or any agencies or other networks that are connected to the Linton Hall School network. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses.

6. Exception of Terms and Conditions: All terms and conditions as stated in this document are applicable to Linton Hall School. These terms and conditions reflect the entire agreement of the parties and supersede all prior oral or written agreements and understandings of the parties.