

Lincoln County Schools  
**Computer and Telecommunications Acceptable Use Policy**  
**Consent and Waiver Application**  
**For Students**

School \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Lincoln County Schools (LCS) believe that the educational benefits from access to the Internet and other on-line services, in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration, far exceed any disadvantages of access. Ultimately, the parent(s)/guardian(s) of students are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that students should follow. To that end, Lincoln County Schools supports and respects each family's right to decide whether or not to apply for access. While it is the district's intent to make the Internet and other telecommunications resources available to further its educational goals and objectives, parent(s)/guardian(s) should be aware that a student account holder will have the ability to access unacceptable materials if they disregard the school's and district's access limitations stated below. Parent(s)/Guardians(s) should be aware that students using telecommunications have the potential to access unacceptable resources if they disregard the schools and county's rules and guidelines. Through the use of state and county protection and filtering procedures and this policy, LCS intends to use telecommunications and student access to the school/district network as a tool to support the school's and district's educational responsibilities and missions.

Specific conditions and services being offered will change from time to time. In addition, LCS makes no warranties with respect to network service and assumes no responsibilities for:

- ❖ The content of any advice of information received by a student from a source outside LCS or any costs or charges incurred as a result of seeing or accepting such advice;
- ❖ Any costs, liability or damages caused by the way the student chooses to use his/her network access;
- ❖ Any consequences of service interruptions or changes, even if these disruptions arise from circumstances under the control of LCS;
- ❖ The privacy of electronic mail, which cannot be guaranteed.

**Student Responsibilities:** As the user and potential owner of an online account and other telecommunications resources, the student and parent(s)/guardian(s) must read and understand all of the following rules and guidelines.

- √ I will limit my use of telecommunications in school to educational objectives established by my teachers.
- √ I will not retrieve or send unethical, illegal, immoral, inappropriate or unacceptable information or any type.
- √ I will follow the rules on network etiquette, which includes the use of appropriate language and polite responses.
- √ I will not use abusive language of any type.
- √ I will not share my home address or phone number with another user for any purpose.
- √ I understand that information received online is private property.
- √ I will not plagiarize information received in any form.
- √ I will not use another person's account.
- √ I will not share any of my passwords with anyone else nor attempt to determine other user's passwords.
- √ I will not attempt to bypass the security built into the system.
- √ I will not interfere with or disrupt network users, services or equipment.
- √ I will print only materials for educational purposes using my local or network printer.
- √ I will not use telecommunications access provided by LCS for illegal purposes.
- √ I will not use telecommunications access to transmit threatening, obscene, or harassing materials.
- √ I will not make copies of software found on any school/LCS computer or through online services.
- √ I will not copy personal software onto any school/LCS owned computer
- √ I will respect others work and will not copy, change, read or use files belonging to others without permission.
- √ I will not knowingly create or introduce any virus to school/LCS equipment.

I understand my responsibility as a user of telecommunications. I have read the above rules and realize that any infraction will cancel my user privileges and may result in further disciplinary action, including suspension from school.

**Student:** I have read the aforesaid consent and waiver for the use of telecommunications in the classroom. I understand that this access is for educational purposes only and restricted to class assignments.

Student Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian:** I have read the aforesaid consent and waiver for user of telecommunications in the classroom and have discussed this with my child. I understand that telecommunications access is for educational purposes only and that it is the responsibility of my child to restrict his/her use to the class projects assigned. I also accept full responsibility for supervision if and when my child's use of telecommunications is in a setting other than school. I also understand that the teacher, school, or district cannot be held responsible for intentional infractions of the above rules by my child.

Parent/Guardian Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Check One:** I hereby give my permission for my child's picture and name to appear on the school and/or LCS Website in conjunction with school news and events.

\_\_\_\_\_ YES

\_\_\_\_\_ NO