

Lame Deer Public Schools

Internet Acceptable Use Policy

Computers are used to support learning and to enhance instruction. Computer networks allow people to interact with many computers. The Internet, a network of networks, allows people to interact with hundreds of thousands of networks and computers. All use of the Internet must be in support of education and research and consistent with the purposes of Lame Deer School District. It is a general policy that all computers used through Lame Deer are to be used in a responsible, efficient, ethical and legal manner. Failure to adhere to the policy and the guidelines for the use of Internet, as described below, will result in the revocation of access privileges.

Unacceptable uses of Internet include:

- Violating the conditions of Montana Education Code dealing with students' rights to privacy.
- Using profanity, obscenity, or other language that may be offensive to other users.
- Re-posting (forwarding) personal communication without the author's prior consent.
- Copying commercial software in violation of copyright laws.
- Using the network for financial gain, for commercial activity, or for any illegal activity.

Because access to the Internet provides connections to other computer systems located all over the world, users (and parents of users who are students) must understand that neither the Lame Deer School District nor District staff members control the content of the information available on these other systems. Some of the information available is controversial and sometimes may be offensive. The Lame Deer School District does not condone the use of such materials.

Lame Deer acceptable use policy rules and regulations:

- The Internet account is free to users.
- It is a privilege to use the Internet

A RESPONSIBLE user of the Internet may keep an account as long as the user is a staff member or student in the Lame Deer School District.

A responsible user may:

- Use the Internet to research assigned classroom projects.

A responsible user:

- May NOT use the Internet for an illegal purpose.
- May NOT use impolite, abusive, harassing, defamatory, or pornographic language or graphics.
- May NOT violate the rules of common sense or etiquette.
- May NOT access or change computer files that do not belong to the user.

- May NOT send or receive copyrighted material without permission.
- May NOT share his or her password with another student.
- May NOT access a Chat room.
- May NOT attempt to harm or destroy property or data or to infiltrate another computer system, including creating or uploading computer viruses.
- May NOT send hate mail, obscene remarks, discriminatory remarks, or other antisocial behavioral remarks.
- May NOT access Proxy Server sites.

By signing on to Internet you acknowledge that you:

Understand the rules and regulations of the Lame Deer Acceptable Use Policy. Any user who does not comply with the Rules/Code of Ethics for Computer Users stands to lose computer privileges for two weeks (1st Offense) and the Remainder of the Year (2nd Offense). Offenses will be documented and filed with the Technology Coordinator by the supervising teacher. Repeated infractions will result in permanent termination of privileges. Discipline, including suspension or expulsion, also may be imposed on student users in accordance with Lame Deer School District policy. The Technology Committee reserves the right to impose greater penalties for severe 1st and/or 2nd offenses.

Lame Deer School District's Technology Coordinator may access others' files when necessary for the maintenance of the computing facilities. When performing maintenance, however, every effort will be made to insure the privacy of users' files.

Lame Deer School District and its Technology Committee may modify its Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) and Rules/Code of Ethics for Computer Users as the need arises. Users will be notified of any changes.

This Acceptable Use Policy is approved by the Lame Deer School District Technology Committee and the Lame Deer School District School Board. The Lame Deer School District believes that technology is an integral part of today's workforce and must serve as a fundamental element of the learning environment. It will enhance the independent learning process and promote student-centered learning. This district is committed to promoting lifelong learning skills and developing productive members of society by using technology. The Lame Deer School District and Technology Committee welcomes input from community members, parents and other staff members.

By signing this agreement, the student and parent/guardian agree to the above terms.

Student Signature

Date

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date