Lame Deer Public Schools
Student Internet & Electronic Devices Acceptable Use Policy

Computers and Electronic Devices are used to support learning and to enhance instruction. LAN (Local Area Networks) and WAN (Wide Area Networks), allow people to interact with many computers and other electronic devices. The Internet or WAN, a network of networks, allows people to interact with hundreds of thousands of networks, computers and other electronic devices. All use of the Internet must be in support of education, research and consistent with the purposes of Lame Deer School District. It is a general policy that all computers and other electronic devices, used through Lame Deer Public Schools LAN, 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 the LAN and WAN, as described below, will result in the revocation of access privileges. (In some cases expulsion)

Items Not Allowed In School
Personal Laptops, Walkmans, Discmans, MP3, IPods, cell phones, headphones (to include ear buds), electronic games, other music devices, are not allowed anywhere indoors during school hours (7:30 AM-6:30 PM). Students are strongly advised to leave these items at home as school has proven to be an unsafe place for them.

Personal Laptop computers may not be connected the Lame Deer School District's network, nor attempted to be connected. Students needing to use such equipment as part of a class or school assignment/project should bring the equipment to the principal's office and leave it there until needed. Students who do not follow these guidelines will have their equipment confiscated and returned at a later time. Repeated violations will result in disciplinary action ranging up to and including suspension.
The school will NOT be liable / responsible for any lost or stolen items. This statement acts as the warning.

Unacceptable uses of Internet or Local Area Network 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 and electronic 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. A WAN filter, which adheres to CIPA standards, is in place, but does not guarantee to block access to all unacceptable materials.

Lame Deer acceptable use policy rules and regulations:

- The LAN and WAN accounts are free to users.

- It is a privilege to use these services

A RESPONSIBLE user of the Lame Deer Network 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 network to research assigned classroom projects.
- Use the network for assignments which are located on either our local area network or an Internet based server

A responsible user:

- May NOT use the network 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 use network for Cyberbullying by sending hate mail, obscene remarks, discriminatory remarks, or other antisocial behavioral remarks.

- May NOT access Proxy Server sites.

- May NOT access the school network with a personal laptop, PDA, IPad or other personal electronic devices.

By signing on to the Lame Deer Network 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.

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Student Signature   Date

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Parent or Guardian Signature   Date