



Los Angeles Unified School District

Responsible & Acceptable Use Policy (RAUP) for District Computer Systems Information for Students and Families

The District's Responsible & Acceptable Use Policy ("RAUP") is to prevent unauthorized access and other unlawful activities by users online, prevent unauthorized disclosure of or access to sensitive information, and to comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA). As used in this policy, "user" includes anyone using computers, Internet, email, chat rooms, and all other forms of electronic communication or equipment provided by the District (the "network") regardless of the physical location of the user. The RAUP applies even when District provided equipment (laptops, tablets, etc.) is used off of District property.

The District will use technology protection measures to block or filter—to the extent practicable—access of visual depictions that are obscene, pornographic, or harmful to minors over the network. The District reserves the right to monitor users' online activities and to access, review, copy, and store or delete any electronic communication or files and disclose them to others as it deems necessary. Users should have no expectation of privacy regarding their use of District property, network and/or Internet access or files, including email.

The District will take all necessary measures to fortify the network against potential cyber security threats. This may include blocking access to District applications—including but not limited to email, data management and reporting tools, and other web applications—outside the United States and Canada.

Responsible & Acceptable Uses of the LAUSD Computer Network or the Internet

Schools must verify each year that all enrolled students have a signed page acknowledging this policy. Students who are under 18 must have their parents or guardians sign this page, and schools must keep it on file. Once signed, the permission/acknowledgement page remains in effect until revoked by the parent, or the student loses the privilege to use the District's network due to violation of this policy or is no longer an LAUSD student. Employees and other users are required to follow this policy. Even without signature, all users must follow this policy and report any misuse of the network or Internet to a teacher, supervisor, or other appropriate District personnel. Access is provided primarily for education and District business. Staff may use the Internet, for incidental personal use during duty-free time. By using the network, users have agreed to this policy. If a user is uncertain about whether a particular use is responsible or appropriate, he or she should consult a teacher, supervisor, or other appropriate District personnel.

Irresponsible and Unacceptable Uses of the Computer Network or Internet

The District reserves the right to take immediate action regarding 1) activities that create security and/or safety issues for the District, students, employees, schools, network or computer resources, or 2) activities that expend District resources on content the District in its sole discretion determines lacks legitimate educational content/purpose, or 3) other activities as determined by District as inappropriate.



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Following are examples of inappropriate activity on the District's network:

- Violating any state or federal law or municipal ordinance, such as: accessing or transmitting pornography of any kind, obscene depictions, harmful materials, materials that encourage others to violate the law, confidential information, or copyrighted materials;
- Criminal activities that can be punished by law;
- Selling or purchasing illegal items or substances;
- Circumventing or attempting to circumvent the District's content filtering system(s);
- The unauthorized collection of email addresses ("harvesting") of e-mail addresses from the Global Address List and other District directories;
- Obtaining and/or using anonymous email sites; spamming; spreading viruses;
- Causing harm to others or damage to their property, such as:
 1. Using profane, abusive, or impolite language; threatening, harassing, or making damaging or false statements about others; cyberbullying or accessing, transmitting, or downloading offensive, harassing, or disparaging materials;
 2. Deleting, copying, modifying, or forging other users' names, emails, files, or data; disguising one's identity, impersonating other users, or sending anonymous email;
 3. Damaging computer equipment, files, data, or the network in any way, including intentionally accessing, transmitting or downloading computer viruses or other harmful files or programs, or disrupting any computer system performance;
 4. Using any District computer to obtain unauthorized information ("hacking") whether internal or external to the District, or attempting to access information protected by privacy laws; or
 5. Accessing, transmitting or downloading large files, including "chain letters" or any type of "pyramid schemes."
- Engaging in uses that jeopardize access or lead to unauthorized access to others' accounts or other computer networks, such as:
 1. Using another's account password(s) or identifier(s);
 2. Interfering with other users' ability to access their account(s); or
 3. Disclosing your own or anyone's password to others or allowing them to use your or another's account(s).
- Using the network or Internet for commercial purposes:
 1. Using the Internet for personal financial gain;
 2. Using the Internet for personal advertising or promotion; or
 3. Conducting for-profit business activities and/or engaging in non-government related fundraising or public relations activities such as solicitation for religious purposes or lobbying for personal political purposes.



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Student Internet Safety

1. Students under the age of eighteen should only access LAUSDnet accounts outside of school if a parent or legal guardian supervises their usage at all times. The student's parent or guardian is responsible for monitoring the minor's use;
2. Students shall not reveal on the Internet personal information about themselves or other persons. For example, students should not reveal their name, home address, telephone number, or display photographs of themselves or others;
3. Students shall not meet in person anyone they have met only on the Internet; and
4. Students must abide by all laws, this Responsible Use Policy, and all District security policies.

Penalties for Improper Use

The use of a District account is a privilege—not a right. Misuse will result in the restriction or cancellation of the account. Misuse may also lead to disciplinary and/or legal action for both students and employees, including suspension, expulsion, dismissal from District employment, or criminal prosecution by government authorities. The District will attempt to tailor any disciplinary action to the specific issues related to each violation.

Disclaimer

The District makes no guarantees about the quality of the services provided and is not responsible for any claims, losses, damages, costs, or other obligations arising from use of the network or accounts. Any additional charges a user accrues due to the use of the District's network are to be borne by the user. The District also denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of the information obtained through user access. Any statement, accessible on the computer network or the Internet, is understood to be the author's individual point of view and not that of the District, its affiliates, or employees.

I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the provisions of the Responsible Use Policy of the Los Angeles Unified School District.

Date: _____ School: _____

Student Name: _____ Student Signature: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Name: _____ Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: _____

Please return this form to the school where it will be kept on file. It is required for all students that will be using a computer network and/or Internet access.