

LAKESIDE SOCIAL MEDIA CONTRACT

Lakeside Middle School recognizes that access to technology is necessary in the modern educational setting. Technology gives students, teachers, and parents greater opportunities to learn, engage, communicate, collaborate, and develop skills that will prepare them for work, life, and citizenship. However, technology, specifically social media sites, also has the capability to act as a distraction and impediment to the daily learning goals at Lakeside. For that reason, it is necessary that ALL students read through the contract below and commit to using social media in a responsible and safe manner. All students must agree to the “Acceptable Use Policy” below.

Lakeside Middle School Social Media Policies

- Lakeside Middle School expects students to follow the same rules for good behavior and respectful conduct online as offline. Treat other students with respect and dignity online.
- Social media sites will not be used for cyberbullying (pursuant to Education Code **48900.2, 48900.3, and 48900.4**) or any other illicit behavior that interferes with school safety.
- All students must comply with the age requirements for social media sites as stated in the “privacy policy” of each site and as spelled out in the Federal **COPPA** Laws.
- Misuse of Social Media can result in disciplinary action by Lakeside Middle School administration and Lakeside administration has a right to investigate students; social media sites, in the event of allegations of inappropriate online conduct. Pursuant to the California Education Code, including but not limited to, Sections **220,234, 234.1, 32261, and 48900**.
- Lakeside Middle School Administration has the right to discipline students for online conduct which is related to a school activity.
- Lakeside Middle School makes a reasonable effort to ensure student safety online, but **WILL NOT** be held liable for harm or damages that result from student-misuse of social media technologies.

Children’s Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA)

- Social Media sites have included in their “Privacy Policies” language to ensure they are compliant with COPPA laws. Many social media sites **REQUIRE** that you must be **AT LEAST** 13 years old in order to use the social media service.
- If it is discovered by Lakeside staff that any student under the age of 13 is misusing social media (per the expectations above), the student may be reported to the social media site.
 - The student account will likely be terminated if it is discovered that a student has falsified information in order to obtain access to a social media account.

Specific Age requirements from various social media sites

- Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest, Tumblr, and Snapchat all require users to be **AT LEAST** 13 years of age in order to open a social media account
- Youtube and Kik requires all users to be **AT LEAST** 18 years old but kids can open an account at age 13 **ONLY IF** parent permission is granted.

Best Practices for Social Media Use

- **Be Aware that Privacy Settings are NOT Foolproof.** Lakeside Middle School students are highly encouraged to use privacy settings on social media sites. However, students should be aware that privacy settings are not a guaranteed safeguard against potential online threats.
- **Avoid Posting Confidential Information.** Be aware of the kind of information you are posting on social media sites. Everything you post can be seen by others including county, state, and federal criminals in the worldwide.
- **Avoid unprofessional public profiles and/or comments.** Any information you put on social media sites is considered public information and may be viewed by members of the public. Be mindful of the image you create for yourself online. Your posts and/or comments are a direct reflection of you. Do not post things that you may regret later and do not post things that may likely cause harm to others.
- **Avoid posting illegal activities.** Photos posted on social media become the property of the social media site. You may delete the photo from your profile but the photo may still be accessible to others.
- **Avoid Bullying/ Threats of Violence.** Bullying is a serious problem and is not limited to physical student-to-student interactions. Social media sites are commonly used for acts of cyberbullying. It is important that Lakeside students refrain from any acts of bullying online.

Lakeside students should be aware that if their conduct is deemed inappropriate, such conduct may be subject to discipline, not only by school authorities, but also by law enforcement agencies.

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By signing below, you agree to the terms of the Social Media Contract above.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Use the following websites to access more information regarding age requirements and various policies on social media sites

<https://www.facebook.com/help/157793540954833>

<https://www.kik.com/terms-of-service/>

<https://support.google.com/accounts/answer/1350409?hl=en>

<https://help.instagram.com/154475974694511/>

<https://policy.pinterest.com/en/terms-of-service>

<https://www.tumblr.com/policy/en/terms-of-service>

<https://support.twitter.com/articles/20169945>

<https://www.ftc.gov/enforcement/rules/rulemaking-regulatory-reform-proceedings/childrens-online-privacy-protection-rule>