# LITTLE LAKE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

Every Child, Every Year

#### Dear Parent or Guardian:

We are pleased to offer students of the Little Lake City School District, access to electronic information resources such as the Internet. Please review the following information closely.

Access to the Internet will enable students to explore thousands of libraries, databases, and bulletin boards while exchanging messages with Internet users throughout the world. Families should be warned that some material accessible via the Internet may contain harmful matter, be inaccurate, obscene, profane, illegal, or otherwise inappropriate for educational purposes. While our intent is to make Internet access available to further educational goals and objectives, students may find ways to access other materials as well. Parents and guardians of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using electronic information sources.

#### ACCEPTABLE USE AGREEMENT FORM

Students are responsible for good behavior on school computer networks, just as they are in a classroom or a school hallway. Communications on the network are often public in nature. General school rules for behavior and communications apply.

## Acceptable use of technology and electronic information resources includes but not limited to:

Communication in support of research and learning

Access and exploration of appropriate information and resources

Work on District-related responsibilities and projects, class assignments or unit/lesson plans

### Unacceptable use of technology and electronic information resources includes but not limited to:

Use of any illegal purpose

Use for financial gain or for commercial, political, and/or personal use unrelated to an educational purpose

Use involving impolite, inappropriate, abusive, dangerous, or obscene language

Use involving accessing and/or changing computer files that do not belong to the user

Use involving sending, receiving, or copying copyrighted material without permission

Use involving cheating or plagiarizing

Use that violates the right of privacy of others

Use that violates the rules of common sense or etiquette

Use that accesses restricted information, harmful matter, obscene, profane, or otherwise inappropriate material

Use that results in vandalism of property

Use that results in harassment of others, including but not limited to defamatory statements aimed at a person's gender, age, disability, sexual orientation, ethnicity, religion, or political beliefs

Use that compromises the security of the operating equipment and/or software

Because the use of technology and electronic information resources is a privilege, not a right, the student is expected to respect the importance of acceptable use. As determined by the site administrator, students found to have engaged in unacceptable use may be subject to any or all of the following:

Parent conference

Suspension and/or termination of computer-use privileges and Internet access

A zero grade on related assignments and/or removal from the course

Suspension and/or expulsion from school

Referral to law enforcement authorities

Legal action to recover damages and penalties

Other appropriate consequences

Network administrators may review files and communications to maintain system integrity and insure that users are using the system responsibly. The district reserves the right to conduct individualized searches of a user's actions on the network if there is reasonable suspicion that a law or rule has been violated.