

COMPUTER USE AGREEMENT *Lomira High School Commitment*

Dear Parents and Students:

The School District of Lomira is pleased to offer students access to computer and the Internet. Access, however, is a privilege, not a right. All students under the age of 18 must obtain parental permission to use the Internet. The attached form must be signed and returned to the Library. Students 18 and over may sign their own forms.

The computer network of the School District of Lomira is a valuable tool in the learning process. Student's use of this tool is a privilege, not a right. As a result, the School District is authorized to limit student access to the network due to inappropriate use or abuse. All students are required to have an Internet User Agreement signed by themselves and their parent/guardian on file with the library to be granted authorization to use the school's computer, network and Internet. Students who physically damage or alter the hardware, software, or network in any way or inappropriately use them are in violation of these guidelines and are subject to disciplinary consequences including, but not limited to: loss of computer privileges, detention, and suspension. There is a possibility that a student would be permanently removed from computer use for the remainder of their high school career or expelled for either serious or repeated violations. A student will be responsible for financial remuneration for damages.

As much as possible, access to district Internet information resources will be designed in ways that point students to those sites that have been reviewed and evaluated prior to use. While students may be able to move beyond those resources to others that have not been evaluated by staff, they will be provided with guidelines and lists of resources particularly suited to the learning objectives.

Access to the Internet will enable students to explore thousands of informational resources. Families should be warned that some material accessible via the Internet might contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate, or potentially offensive to some people. 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. We believe that the benefits to student access to the Internet, in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration, exceed any disadvantages. But, ultimately, parents and guardians of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using media and information sources. To that end, the School District of Lomira supports and respects each family's right to decide whether or not to grant permission to Internet access.

Because the computer network is a privilege and is provided for students who have an educational purpose, access to network services is given to students who have teacher permission and who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. Privilege entails responsibility. The district does not guarantee computer access and if a student violates the Computer Use Agreement, it could result in a student receiving an "F" grade for an assignment or even a permanent grade.

Individual users of the district computer networks are responsible for their own behavior and communications over these networks. It is presumed that users will comply with district standards and will honor the agreement they have signed. However, if an individual violates any of these standards, that individual is solely responsible for any consequences, which may arise.

Network storage areas may be treated like school lockers. Network administrators may review files and communications. Users should not expect files to be private.

Within reason, freedom of speech and access to information will be honored. During school, teachers of younger students will guide them into appropriate materials and teachers of older students will have specific assignments. Outside of school, families bear the same responsibility for such guidance just as they do with information sources such as television, telephones, movies, radio, and other potentially offensive media.

Examples of inappropriate use include, but are not limited to:

- Sending or displaying offensive messages or pictures
- Using and viewing obscene language
- Harassing, insulting, or attacking others
- Violating copyright laws
- Intentionally wasting network resources or bandwidth
- Employing the network for commercial purposes or personal reasons without permission from school district personnel
- Downloading any software without permission
- Playing games on the computer or online (yahoo, ESPN, etc.)
- Accessing the Internet in any way without internet privileges
- Logging in using someone else's account
- Giving out your password to another student
- Accessing/adding/removing any programs or files from a computer without permission
- Accessing E-mail without permission
- Downloading any music or videos
- Intentionally changing computer settings
- Using or installing instant messaging programs (IM)
- Accessing or viewing pornographic material
- Damaging computers or computer accessories
- Entering into chat rooms

Respectfully,

Debra Janke
High School Principal

COMPUTER USE AGREEMENT AND PARENT PERMISSION FORM

As a user of the Internet at the School District of Lomira, I hereby agree to comply with the above stated guidelines and will communicate over the computer network in a responsible fashion while honoring all relevant laws and restrictions throughout my enrollment at Lomira High School.

Name of Student _____ Grade _____
Please Print

Student Signature _____ Date _____

As the parent or legal guardian of the minor student signing above, I certify that I have read the School District of Lomira computer use guidelines, and I hereby grant my permission for my son or daughter to access the Internet. I understand that individuals and families may be held liable for violations. I understand that some materials on the internet may be objectionable, but I accept responsibility for guidance of internet use, setting and conveying standards for my daughter or son to follow when selecting, sharing, or exploring information and media.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Home Telephone _____ Cell Phone _____

PLEASE RETURN SIGNED FORM TO LIBRARY