



*Livingstone Range*  
SCHOOL DIVISION NO. 68

## INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE AGREEMENT

**LRSD Mission Statement:** The Livingstone Range School Division No. 68, in collaboration with the educational community, will provide students with the best possible learning opportunities responsive to both individual and societal needs.

**What is the Internet?** The Internet connects millions of computers all over the world. Students may use it to communicate with people all over the planet. Access to the Internet is one of the windows that bring the world to students. However, this excellent educational resource needs to be used carefully.

The online world presents a huge array of electronic data including:

audio-visual materials,	graphics,	text,	visual art
multimedia clips and presentations,	photos,	videos,	

The content in this data may include statements of facts, opinions, beliefs, values or procedures. The Internet also contains commercial and other solicitations by a wide array of people and groups. In paper format, some of this content has only been available under restricted conditions.

There are also mechanisms which facilitate electronic mail, electronic group interactions (chat rooms, news groups, discussion groups), the sharing of large data files, and polling of opinions on the Internet.

Students access the Internet by having an assigned Livingstone Range School Division No. 68 account on the LRSD network.

### Some Precautionary Information

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There are no regulatory bodies solely established to preview or monitor the content of materials posted on the Internet. With open international access to postings on the Internet, there may be persons, groups or countries with different cultural contexts and sensitivities than those of any given Internet user. What one finds acceptable may be offensive, objectionable, or criminal in other countries.

On a local level, what someone may find acceptable may be unacceptable to their neighbor. So, there is potential for any Internet user to be exposed to inappropriate material. Regardless of our reasonable efforts to filter undesirable material, students may encounter inappropriate sites as they search for information.

Persons posting to the Internet may misrepresent themselves. For example, a person who claims he/she is a 15 year old student participating in a discussion group may be a 53 year old adult. It is important to note that the content of everything posted online is not necessarily true.

Students and parents are asked to report inappropriate sites, or suspected misconduct to the individual who looks after technology in the school.

#### Alternate Access Available

Having our students learn responsible use of the Internet as an educational resource, and being given the opportunity of maximizing the Internet's potential as a resource in each student's individualized learning, will depend on a coordinated effort, involvement and commitment of the student, the school and the parents. One aspect of that commitment is for parents and students to review this **Internet Acceptable Use Agreement** and accept its terms and conditions. However, the LRSD is the Internet Service Provider (ISP) for Internet access in our classrooms. The LRSD' is not the only ISP server which provides access to the Internet. Access to the Internet is available from other Internet Service Providers if the student or parents do not agree with the LRSD's **Internet Acceptable Use Agreement**.

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## Expectations for Students Using the Internet

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Following are the LRSD's expectations for students accessing the Internet through the LRSD's network. Students signing this document agree to the following terms and conditions:

**Inappropriate material:** I will tell my teacher right away if I come across any site, material, information or situation that makes me feel uneasy or uncomfortable, or that I believe may contain inappropriate material. I will not respond to a message sent to me that makes me feel uneasy or uncomfortable; I will tell the teacher right away. I will not post, send, or download inappropriate material.

**Respect for other people's personal information:** I will not post personal information about other people, including family members, fellow students, teachers, or friends. Personal information may include information such as full names, school locations, interests, extra-curricular activities, occupations, home or business addresses, or phone numbers.

**Posting student's own information in the Internet:** I will not post my personal information anywhere, including to my personal home page if I have one, through the LRSD's Internet server. I may, however, post school projects and work on the Internet as approved by my teacher. Just as my parents warned me about strangers and not meeting or talking to them, the same is true for using the Internet. I will not meet with anyone I talk to on the Internet without my parent or guardian present.

**Electronic mail:** Electronic mail is an electronic messaging system which delivers messages through the Internet. Electronic mail allows any Internet user to communicate with another user or group of users through a mail server. Students in the Livingstone Range School Division will be using web-based E-mail accounts for the 1999/2000 school year. The parent/guardian signature (or in the case of an independent student, the student's signature) on the **Internet Acceptable Use Agreement** will be deemed to be a consent to establish this account.

**School rules apply:** As a student, I understand that all of the rules of expected conduct, appropriate language, fair and respectful comments, and responsible behavior of a LRSD student and the consequences of breaking those rules apply to my conduct in using a LRSD network account, including posting and using services on the Internet.

I understand the consequences for breaking those rules may result in the limitation or withdrawal of the privilege of having access to the LRSD network and of having Internet access. More specifically, without limiting the above, I agree that:

- I will not do anything illegal.
- I will not breach my responsibilities as a student under the *School Act* utilizing the LRSD network, or Internet. I will not breach the policies and regulations regulating student conduct established by the LRSD or established by my school.
- I will not breach my responsibilities as a student under this **Internet Acceptable Use Agreement**.
- I will use appropriate language on the Internet, and any statements of opinion that I make will be respectful, fair, and not malicious.
- I will not engage in any financial transactions or cause any damages or losses to any person in using a LRSD network account, including posting and using services on the Internet.

I understand that I am personally responsible for my actions, errors, and omissions in using a LRSD network account and accessing the Internet. I further understand that the consequences for failing to comply with the terms and conditions of this **Internet Acceptable Use Agreement** may well exceed school disciplinary action, such as criminal investigations, civil suits, or both.

**Responsible Use of the Resources:** I agree to use my time on-line effectively, in posting and using services such as browsing and downloading files. I agree to keep my user name and password secret.

**Pagiarism:** I agree that I will not copy information and claim it as my own.

**Copyright:** In the event that I wish to copy any copyrighted work, if I do not already have legal permission to copy that work, I will ask the original author for written permission to use the graphics or any copyrighted works, including works of arts, compositions, text, symbols, sayings, cartoons, excerpts, and quotations. I agree that I will give written credit for sources of information for my work.

**Critical Thinking:** I will be fair and respectful in my comments and use appropriate language in any material I post to the Internet, as expected of all students within the LRSD. I will think critically about information I find in accessing services on the Internet and other network resources.

## Notice to Students and Parents/Guardians

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The LRSD and the staff of the LRSD do not warrant or guarantee that any functions, facilities, or services accessed through its network, including the Internet, will be free of defects or errors. Accordingly, the LRSD and its employees are not responsible for any loss or damages associated with its network, including losses associated with interruptions in service or loss of data. Students use LRSD accounts at their own risk and are responsible for making their own arrangements to secure their data.

The LRSD and its employees are not responsible for the accuracy, quality, or integrity of information obtained through or stored on the LRSD network.

Right to Inspect: All LRSD network accounts are subject to reasonable search, where E-mail records and files may be inspected and copied, and a history of visited sites and utilized services may be searched in the event of a reasonable suspicion of violation of this **Internet Acceptable Use Agreement**, of any school rules, or of the policies and regulations of the LRSD. The search will be reasonable and related to the suspected violation.

This policy is subject to change by the LRSD.

## School System Consequences for Misuse of the Internet

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If a student fails to comply with this **Internet Acceptable Use Agreement**, school disciplinary and legal action may result and will follow the normal course of fair and accountable administrative process. Some forms of school-based responses to students for failure to use the supported network appropriately may include:

- use of Internet only when a supervisor is at the student's side;
- suspension of network and Internet privileges;
- expulsion from network and Internet privileges;
- expulsion from school;
- legal action.

### Further Information

If parents or guardians are interested in further information or training, please call your school office. Any questions about this policy should be referred to the Internet Administrator at your school.

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**Student:** I understand and will abide by the Internet Acceptable Use Agreement. I further understand that any violation of the policy is unethical and may constitute a criminal offence. Should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked, school disciplinary action may be taken, and appropriate legal action may ensue. I understand that this document will remain in my school file.

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ AB. Ed. ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Student's signature is required only if the student is in grades 4 – 12. Parent's signature is required on all forms.)*

**Parent or Guardian (if student is under age 18):** As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read the attached Internet Acceptable Use Agreement. I understand that Internet access is designed for educational purposes, that the school has taken reasonable steps to filter inappropriate materials and my son/daughter will be trained on responsible use. However, I also recognize that it is impossible to restrict access to all controversial or inappropriate materials and will not hold the school or the Livingstone Range School Division Board of Education responsible for materials acquired on the network. Further, I accept full responsibility for supervision if and when my child's use is not in a school setting. I understand that this document will remain in my child's student record file.

I hereby grant permission for the school to issue an Internet account for my child and certify that the information contained on this form is correct. I also consent to the release of information necessary to establish the account. I understand that the grade level at which my child will receive an Internet account will be determined by the school.

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**For students 18 years of age and older, or 16 years of age and deemed to be "independent students" as defined by the *School Act*:**

I hereby give permission to issue an account, including Email, to me.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Teacher

I have reviewed the policies outlined above with the student named above.

Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**School: Please file in student cumulative file.**

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