



## Student Network Acceptable Use, Safety and Monitoring

It is the policy of the Lummi Nation School (LNS) to promote positive and successful, technology literacy and digital safety in an increasingly digital world. This Policy applies to the use of school issued devices as well as personal electronic devices while on school property or when using the LNS network.

The LNS network includes wired and wireless devices and equipment, files and storage, e-mail and Internet content. Any activity on the school network or internet connection is an extension of the classroom and subject to all school and division expectations and policies. All use of the network must support education and research and be consistent with the school mission.

The LNS reserves the right to prioritize the use of, and access to, the network.

### Acceptable network use include:

- Creation of files, digital projects, videos, podcasts etc. using network resources in support of education and research;
- Participation in blogs, networking sites and groups, email and webpages that support education and research;
- Online publication of original educational material, curriculum related materials and work (with permission and appropriate citation);
- Connection of personal electronic devices including portable devices with network capabilities to the school network with permission and confirmation that the device is compatible, and equipped with virus software.

### Unacceptable network use includes but is not limited to:

- Downloading, installing and use of games, audio files, video files, or other applications without permission or approval;
- Hacking, cracking, vandalizing, the introduction of viruses, and changes to hardware, software and monitoring tools;
- Cyberbullying, hate mail, defamation, harassment of any kind, intimidation, discriminatory jokes and/or remarks;
- Information posted, sent or stored online that could endanger others;
- Accessing, uploading, downloading, storage and distribution of obscene, pornographic or sexually explicit material;
- Actions that result in liability or cost incurred to the LNS; or
- Attaching unauthorized devices to the network.

The LNS will not be responsible for any damages suffered by any user, including but not limited to, loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, mis-deliveries or service interruptions caused by his/her/their own negligence or any other errors or omissions. The LNS will not be responsible for unauthorized financial obligations resulting from the use of, or access to, the school's computer network or the internet.

### **Internet Safety and Security**

When using the internet personal information should never be revealed. This includes:

- Home address, phone number, or other personal distinctive information;
- Personal information about another individual; and
- Pictures or names of students without the appropriate permission.

The appropriate school authority should be notified if any dangerous or inappropriate information or messages are encountered.

Passwords are the first level of security for a user account. System logins and accounts are to be used only by the authorized owner of the account for appropriate educational purposes. Students are responsible for all activity on their account and must not share their account password.

### **Monitoring**

Every user must take responsibility for his/her/their use of the network and Internet and avoid objectionable sites. Filtering software is used to block access to objectionable material and visual depictions that are obscene or pornographic but this software is not 100% effective. The LNS reserves the right to monitor, inspect, copy, review and store without prior notice content and usage information.

- Any attempts to defeat or bypass the LNS internet filter or conceal internet activity are prohibited;
- E-mail inconsistent with the educational and research mission of the school will be considered SPAM and blocked from entering LNS e-mail boxes;
- The LNS will be deliberate and consistent with monitoring access to school devices and the Internet;
- No user should have any expectation of privacy when using the LNS network.

Work with a teacher or contact IT to request access to Internet websites blocked by the LNS filtering software.