

**LOWELL JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT
STUDENT USE OF TECHNOLOGY CONSENT AND WAIVER**

This form must be read and signed by the student and the parent or legal guardian. By signing this Consent and Waiver form, I, the undersigned student and my parent(s) or guardian(s) agree to abide by the following restrictions. I have discussed these rights and responsibilities with my parent(s) or guardian(s). To gain access to the Internet, all students under the age of 18 must obtain parental permission and both parent and student must sign this document. The signatures at the end of this document legally bind and indicate the parties who signed have read the terms and conditions carefully and understand their significance.

Further, my parent(s) or guardian(s) and I understand that the District does not have control of the information on the Internet. Sites accessible via the Internet may contain material that is illegal, defamatory, inaccurate or potentially offensive to some people. While the District's intent is to make Internet access available to further its educational goals and objectives, account holders may have the ability to access other materials as well. On a global network it is impossible to control all materials and an industrious user may discover controversial information, either by accident or deliberately. However, the benefits to students from online access far outweigh the possibility that users may procure material that is not consistent with the educational goals of the District. The District subscribes to a filtering system through the Los Angeles County Office of Education.

The purpose of this agreement is to ensure that use of Internet resources is consistent with the District's stated mission, goals, and objectives. The smooth operation of the network relies upon the proper conduct of the students who must adhere to strict guidelines. These guidelines are provided here so that students and parents are aware of the responsibilities they are about to acquire. If a District user violates any of these provisions, his or her future access could be denied in accordance with the rules and regulations discussed with each user during Internet training sessions.

The District provides technology for a limited educational purpose. This means students may use these resources for classroom activities and other school-related work. Students may not use District technology for commercial purposes; students may not offer, provide, or purchase products or services using District technology. Students may use District technology only for class assignments or for personal research on subjects similar to what they might study in a class or in the school library. Use for entertainment purposes or personal communication, such as personal blogging, instant messaging, on-line shopping or gaming is not allowed. The parent(s) or guardian(s) may be held financially responsible for any harm that may result from the student's intentional misuses of District or personal technology.

Students are authorized to use District Technology in accordance with user obligations and responsibilities specified below and in accordance with Governing Board Policy and the District's Acceptable Use Agreement. Students should promptly inform a teacher or administrator if they receive materials that are inappropriate or make them feel uncomfortable. The following provisions refer to District Technology; however, use of Personal Technology also may violate this regulation if the District reasonably believes the conduct or speech will cause actual, material disruption of school activities.

1. The student, in whose name any account is issued, is responsible for its proper use at all times. Students shall keep passwords, personal account numbers, home addresses and telephone numbers private. They shall use the system only under their own password or account number.
2. Students shall use District Technology responsibly for educational purposes, just as they are in a classroom or a school hallway. General school rules for behavior and communications apply.
3. The network is provided for students to conduct research and communicate with others. Access to network services is given to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. Access is a privilege – not a right. That access entails responsibility. Inappropriate use will result in suspension or cancellation of Internet privileges. The system administrators may close an account at any time as required. The administration, teachers, and staff members may request the system administrator to deny, revoke, or suspend specific user accounts.
4. Students shall not use District Technology to access, post, submit, publish or display “material that is harmful to minors,” or matter that is threatening, obscene, lewd, vulgar, defamatory, inaccurate, abrasive, sexually oriented, offensive, illegal material, or disruptive.
5. Students shall not use District Technology to engage in discrimination, harassment, intimidation or bullying on the basis of actual or perceived disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or any other characteristic that is contained in the definition of hate crimes set for thin Section 422.55 of the Penal Code, or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics.
6. Students shall not use District Technology to engage in hate violence.
7. Students shall not use District Technology to engage in harassment, threats or intimidation.

8. Students shall not engage in cyber bullying using District Technology.
9. Students shall not disclose, use or disseminate personal identification information about themselves or others when using District Technology, including electronic mail, chat rooms, or other forms of direct electronic communication. Personal information includes the student's name, address, and telephone number, Social Security number, or other individually identifiable information. Students should not post or share photographs or videos of other students without the other student's permission.
10. Students shall not use District Technology to encourage the use of drugs, alcohol or tobacco, nor shall they promote unethical practices or any activity prohibited by law or Board policy.
11. Copyrighted material shall not be placed on District Technology without the author's permission. Students may download copyrighted material for their own use only. Users must respect all copyright laws that protect software owners, artists, and writers. Plagiarism will not be tolerated.
12. Students shall not intentionally upload, download or create computer viruses and/or maliciously attempt to harm or destroy District Technology or manipulate the data of any other user, including so- called hacking.
13. Students shall not read other users' electronic communication or files. They shall not attempt to interfere with other users' ability to send or receive electronic communication, nor shall they attempt to delete, copy, modify or forge other users' communication or files.
14. Security on any computer system is a high priority, especially when the system involves many users. Students shall report any security problem or misuse of District or Personal Technology to the teacher or school administrator. If a student mistakenly accesses inappropriate information, the student must immediately report the matter to a teacher or school administrator. Using someone else's password or trespassing in another's folders, work, or files without written permission is prohibited and may result in cancellation of user privileges.
15. Students shall not modify or attempt to repair District Technology without prior authorization.
16. Students shall not connect any personal device in the network, such as wireless access points, routers, hubs, etc.
17. Students shall not use web based proxies/anonymizers or software that attempts to make online activity on the Internet untraceable.
18. Students shall not download large files without permission of a teacher or administrator. Students shall not misuse District or school distribution lists or discussion groups by sending irrelevant messages.
19. Students may not send, share, view or possess pictures, videos, text messages, e-mails or other material of an obscene nature in electronic or any other form on Personal Technology at school or school-related activities, or using District Technology.
20. The use of personal mobile devices, such as laptops, cellular phones, tablets, pagers, or other electronic signaling devices, by students on campus is subject to all applicable District policies and regulations.
21. The District makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. The District assumes no responsibility or liability for any phone charges, line costs, or usage fees, nor for any damages a user may suffer. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, or service interruptions caused by its own negligence or the student's errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at the student's own risk. The District specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its services.

Consequences for Violation

For purposes of disallowing access to District Technology, the principal or designee shall make all decisions regarding whether or not a student has violated Board Policy or an Administrative Regulation. The decision of the principal or designee shall be final. Inappropriate use shall result in a cancellation of the student's user privileges, disciplinary action and/or legal action in accordance with law and Board Policy. Permission to bring personal mobile devices to school or school activities also may be revoked.

I have read, understand, and agree to the Lowell Joint School District STUDENT USE OF TECHNOLOGY CONSENT AND WAIVER.

Student Name _____ Grade _____
(Please Print)

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____
(Please Print)

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____