

CONDUCT CODE FOR INTERNET ACCESS

Central Lutheran School

Newhall, Iowa

We are pleased to offer students at Central Lutheran School use of the school's computer system and access to the Internet. To gain this access to the Internet, all students must obtain parental permission and must sign and return this form to the school office.

Persons who use Central Lutheran School equipment to access the Internet will read, understand, and conform to the following general policies. Users are expected to maintain high ethical standards. What is done by any of us on the Internet reflects on all of us at this school.

Access to the Internet will enable students to explore many avenues of information. Families should be warned that some material accessible via the Internet may contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate, or potentially offensive to Christian people. Our intent is to provide Internet access to further educational goals and objectives. We believe that the benefits to students from access to the Internet exceed any disadvantages. But ultimately, parents and others responsible for minor students are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using media and information sources. To that end, each family has the right to decide whether or not to apply for access.

Internet Rules

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

The network is provided for students to conduct research and enhance their educational experience. Access to network services is given to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. Parent permission is required. Access is a privilege--not a right. Access requires responsibility.

Individual users of the school computer network are responsible for their behavior and communications over that network. Users will comply with school standards and will honor the agreements they have signed. Beyond the clarification of such standards, the school is not responsible for restricting, monitoring or controlling the communications of individuals utilizing the network.

Within reason, freedom of speech and access to information will be honored. During school, teachers will guide students toward appropriate materials. Outside of school, families bear the same responsibility for such guidance as they exercise with information sources such as television, telephones, movies, radio and other potentially offensive media.

The following actions are not permitted:

1. Accessing the Internet without proper adult supervision and permission.
2. Using obscene or offensive language or pictures.
3. Damaging computers, computer systems, or computer networks.
4. Violating copyright laws.
5. Using another's password.
6. Trespassing in another's folders, work, or files.
7. Intentionally wasting limited resources (examples: paper, ink, etc.).

Violations may result in a loss of access as well as other disciplinary or legal action.

Internet Guidelines

In addition to the inappropriate behaviors listed above, also included are these ground rules for the use of the worldwide web.

1. Do not give out any personal information such as your address, telephone number, parents' work address/telephone number, or the name and location of our school without permission.
2. Do not enter CHAT lines.
3. At some sites there are questionnaires to fill out. You are not to do this without permission.
4. At some sites there is advertising (to help pay for the site). There may be order forms to purchase something, etc. You are not to fill out any of these forms.

USER AGREEMENT AND PARENTAL PERMISSION FORM

As a student user of the computer network at Central Lutheran School, Newhall, Iowa, I have read and understand the Conduct Code. I understand that Internet Access is a privilege which may be revoked, temporarily or permanently, at any time if I do not follow these rules. As a user of Central Lutheran School computer network, I hereby agree to comply with the above stated rules--communicating over the network in a reliable fashion while honoring all relevant laws and restrictions.

Date _____ Student Signature _____

As a parent or legal guardian of the student signing above, I grant permission for my son or daughter to access the Internet. I have read and understand the Conduct Code. I understand that it is impossible for CLS staff to monitor or restrict access to all controversial materials. (These materials would not likely be found accidentally while doing normal research; a user would have to intentionally look for them.) Should I later become concerned about what my child is reading or viewing on the Internet, I understand that I can terminate this approval by contacting the Central Lutheran School principal.

Date _____ Parent Signature _____

Name of Student (please print) _____ Grade _____

Address _____ Home phone _____