

**LAKE PRESTON INTERNET SAFETY POLICY  
ADOPTED TO COMPLY WITH  
THE CHILDREN'S INTERNET PROTECTION ACT  
AND  
SOUTH DAKOTA CONSOLIDATED STATUTES SECTION 22-24-55**

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**I. Introduction:**

The Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), 47 U.S.C. §254(h)(5), and South Dakota Consolidated Statutes Section 22-24-55 require public schools to implement certain measures and actions to ensure that students are restricted from accessing inappropriate materials online using school owned computers. This policy is adopted to implement these state and federal requirements.

**II. Internet Safety:**

It is the policy of the Lake Preston School District to protect computer users from harassment and unwanted or unsolicited electronic communications. Any network user who receives threatening or unwelcomed electronic communications or inadvertently visits or accesses an inappropriate site shall report such immediately to a teacher or administrator.

A. The Lake Preston School District has implemented a technology protection measure that blocks access to inappropriate matter such as child pornography, obscene material and material that is harmful to minors. The software blocks and filters the Internet and other forms of electronic communication both on campus and off campus.

B. In order to protect the safety and security of our students, network users are prohibited from revealing personal information to other users when engaging in online activities including but not limited to chat rooms, email, and social networking web sites. Personal information such as complete names, addresses, telephone numbers, and identifiable photos should remain confidential when communicating on the network.

C. All network users are prohibited from hacking and engaging in any unlawful online activity. All use of the system must be in support of education and research and consistent with the mission of the district. Any use of the system must be in conformity to state and federal law, and the District Acceptable Use Policy.

D. All network users are prohibited from disclosing or disseminating personal information without proper authorization regarding minors. Staff transmissions of student's confidential information via-email must be in compliance with all federal and state student privacy laws.

E. All network users are prohibited from accessing sites or online materials that are blocked by the filter on/off campus. The filter is applied to visual depictions of material deemed obscene or child pornography, or to any material deemed harmful or inappropriate for minors and the educational setting.

**III. Implementation of Technology Protection Measure:**

A. All school owned computers must be equipped with a technology protection measure. The Lake Preston School District has implemented FortiGate for the Firewall and LightSpeed Relay to filter all on/off campus traffic.

B. Staff members may request the Technology Protection Measure be temporarily disabled in order to conduct bona fide research or for another lawful purpose. The Technology Protection Measure must be re-activated as soon as the staff member finishes using the computer for the authorized bona fide research or other lawful purpose. Procedures for modifying any of the filtering on the software shall be the responsibility of the Technology Coordinator or designated representatives based on educational importance.

#### **IV. Acceptable Use Policy:**

Each network user shall be required to sign an Acceptable Use Policy annually in the form approved by the School Board. The Acceptable Use Policy shall implement this Internet Safety Policy. Violation of this policy and/or the Acceptable Use Policy shall be subject to appropriate discipline sanctions.

#### **V. Monitoring of Online Activities:**

It shall be the responsibility of all personnel of the Lake Preston School District to monitor students' online activities and use of the network to ensure that their use is in compliance with CIPA and this Internet Safety Policy. Students' use of the system will be supervised by staff in a manner that is appropriate to the age of the students and circumstances of use.

#### **VI. Cyberbullying and Appropriate Online Education:**

Students will be educated annually about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms, and cyberbullying awareness and response. The implementation of this provision is delegated to the Superintendent who shall report annually to the School Board on the educational activities undertaken to comply with this subsection.

The Lake Preston School District has set in place the following Internet Safety Curriculum to further educate our students PK-12. The curriculum has been integrated into the current computer classes/lessons and also integrated into the counseling curriculum. The curriculum covers the following information:

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| Unit 1 – Safety & Security Online          |                                     |
| ▪ Private Identity Information             | ▪ Security                          |
| ▪ Meeting People Online                    | ▪ Online Privacy                    |
| Unit 2 – Manners, Bullying, and Ethics     |                                     |
| ▪ Cyberbullying                            | ▪ Ethics and Property               |
| ▪ Cyber Citizenship                        | ▪ Netiquette                        |
| Unit 3 – Research and Information Fluency  |                                     |
| ▪ Search Engine Directories                | ▪ Homework Help                     |
| ▪ Nuts & Bolts of Searching                | ▪ What About the Library?           |
| ▪ Evaluating Web Sites                     | ▪ Recognizing Commercial Intentions |
| Unit 4 – Authentic Learning and Creativity |                                     |
| ▪ Authentic Learning                       | ▪ Creativity                        |
| Unit 5 – Twenty-First Century Challenges   |                                     |
| ▪ Communication Inventions                 | ▪ How Does the Internet Work?       |
| ▪ What is Cyberspace?                      | ▪ Into the Future                   |

The Lake Preston School District recognizes technology as a basic skill necessary for success in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Because no aspect of communication or employment has been left untouched by the Information Age, it is essential that students be equipped with the fundamentals and be given the opportunity to acquire advanced capabilities. While learning these tools it is imperative for the students to be in a safe and secure environment onsite as well as offsite.