

WISCONSIN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL
ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY
FOR THE INTERNET

This policy needs to be read and signed by all WLHS students and their parents and must be returned to school before students will be allowed to use any computers at WLHS.

The Internet is a communication network which allows users to access information stored on computers around the world. It also provides a means for fast and inexpensive communication between people via electronic mail (e-mail). WLHS is making the privilege of using this powerful tool, the Internet, available to its students. The Internet will enable our students and staff to expand their research, and it will allow them to obtain current information in a timely fashion.

Because of its nature, the Internet presents certain dangers. It provides opportunities for sinful and/or illegal activities (such as exposure to pornography and access to gambling). Because of the limited restrictions of what can and cannot be placed on the Internet, the quality and validity of the material varies greatly. Our students will need to learn how to distinguish between worthwhile and less worthwhile sites. It is also imperative that our students understand that as they use the Internet, they must “. . . *take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ*” (2 Cor. 10:5b NIV). They will need to exercise common sense and good Christian judgment.

Since there is no way to completely block undesirable sites, students will only be allowed on the Internet under the supervision of a teacher or staff member. Students will be required to have the written permission of their parents to use the Internet. Signing this document will give them that permission.

The following guidelines have been developed to define acceptable use of the Internet.

Appropriate Use of the Internet:

- All research should reflect Christian principles and be in pursuit of educational goals (examples: research for a homework assignment, career or college and technical school searches, or job searches).
- Use resources efficiently. Students must limit their time on the Internet so that others may have access.
- Respect copyright and other intellectual property rights.
- E-mail may be sent only under the direct supervision of an instructor. (Recognize that electronic communication is not private.)

Inappropriate Use of the Internet:

- Intentionally damaging or destroying data
- Using a name other than your own
- Accessing inappropriate web sites
- Sending or receiving obscene or sinful material
- Engaging in illegal or unchristian activities

Consequences for unacceptable use of the Internet:

- The privilege of using the Internet and/or school computers will be suspended or permanently revoked.
- School discipline will be administered as deemed necessary by the Assistant Principals.
- Criminal acts will be referred to the proper government authority.

I understand the Acceptable Use Policy of Wisconsin Lutheran High School. I also recognize that there are both benefits and dangers to Internet use. I understand that WLHS cannot guarantee the accuracy or quality of the information obtained through this Internet connection. I further understand that my son(s) and/or daughter(s) will be held liable for all expenses incurred as a direct result of illegal actions or as a result of actions in violation of the *Wisconsin Lutheran High School Acceptable Use Policy for the Internet*.

Based on the guidelines stated above, please check the appropriate box and fill out the necessary information for each child attending WLHS.

Your permission will remain in effect as long as your son/daughter is in attendance at WLHS unless the school is notified. Changes can be made by contacting Denyse Schumacher in the WISCO Stewards Research Lab (414.453.4567 ext. 2311).

I hereby **give** permission for my son(s) and/or daughter(s) to be granted Internet access at WLHS.

(Please print EACH student's full name – first, middle initial, last – and year of graduation.)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

I hereby **deny** permission for my son(s) and/or daughter(s) to be granted Internet access at WLHS.

(Please print EACH student's full name – first, middle initial, last – and year of graduation.)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Parent / Guardian _____ Date _____

STUDENT SIGNATURE(S)
PLEASE WRITE LEGIBLY

I have read and understand the *Wisconsin Lutheran High School Acceptable Use Policy for the Internet*, and I agree to adhere to all guidelines.

1. Student Signature _____ Date _____
2. Student Signature _____ Date _____
3. Student Signature _____ Date _____