

**Linden-Kildare Consolidated Independent School District**  
**INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE**

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The District's Acceptable Use Policy ("AUP") is to prevent unauthorized access and other unlawful activities by users online, prevent unauthorized disclosure of or access to sensitive information, and to comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act ("CIPA"). As used in this policy, "user" includes anyone using the computers, Internet, email, chat rooms and other forms of direct electronic communications or equipment provided by the District (the "network."). **Only current students or employees are authorized to use the network with the exception of the filtered wireless guest network.**

The terms "technology resources," "networks" or "computers" used in the District Policy are generally synonymous and include laptop computers, desktop computers, Chromebooks, cell phones, telephones, servers, storage media, handheld devices, pagers, printers, scanners, software and other District-owned or contracted-for electronic communication equipment. Technology resources, like any other school property, are owned by and the property of the District or subject to the District's rights under contract and law. Technology resources must be used in the interests of the District and for the educational purposes for which it was intended. Users are required to follow the guidelines outlined in this Policy and the Student Handbook.

The District will use technology protection measures to block or filter, to the extent practicable, access of visual depictions that are *obscene, pornographic, and harmful to minors* over the network. Additionally, all equipment owned by the district could possibly collect geolocation data on school premises as well as offsite, private property. The district will not and cannot activate any imaging device remotely even on district owned equipment. The District reserves the right to monitor users' online activities and to access, review, copy, and store or delete any electronic communication or files and disclose them to others as it deems necessary. Users should have no expectation of privacy regarding their use of District property, network Google account, and/or Internet access or files, including email.

**Acceptable Uses of the LKCISD Computer Network or the Internet**

Schools must verify each year students using the computer network and Internet access for that school year have a signed page acknowledging this policy. Students who are under 18 must have their parents or guardians sign this page and schools must keep it on file. Once signed that permission/acknowledgement page remains in effect until revoked by the parent, or the student loses the privilege of using the District's network due to violation of this policy or is no longer an LKCISD student. Employees and other users are required to follow this policy. Even without signature, all users must follow this policy and report any misuse of the network or Internet to a teacher, supervisor or other appropriate District personnel. Access is provided primarily for education and District business. Staff may use the Internet, for incidental personal use during duty-free time. **By using the network, users have agreed to this policy.** If a user is uncertain about whether a particular use is acceptable or appropriate, he or she should consult the IT Department or other appropriate District personnel.

## **Unacceptable Uses of the Computer Network or Internet**

These are examples of inappropriate activity on the District network, but the District reserves the right to take immediate action regarding activities (1) that create security and/or safety issues for the District, students, employees, schools, network or computer resources, or (2) that expend District resources on content the District, in its sole discretion, determines lacks legitimate educational content/purpose, or (3) other activities as determined by District as inappropriate.

- **Violating any state or federal law or municipal ordinance, such as: Accessing or transmitting pornography of any kind, obscene depictions, harmful materials, materials that encourage others to violate the law, confidential information or copyrighted materials;**
- **Criminal activities that can be punished under law;**
- **Selling or purchasing illegal items or substances;**
- **Obtaining and/or using anonymous email sites; spamming; spreading viruses;**
- **Accessing restricted web sites through proxy servers or VPN connections;**
- **Causing harm to others or damage to their property, such as:**
  1. Using profane, abusive, or impolite language; threatening, harassing, or making damaging or false statements about others or accessing, transmitting, or downloading offensive, harassing, or disparaging materials;
  2. Deleting, copying, modifying, or forging other users' names, emails, files, or data; disguising one's identity, impersonating other users, or sending anonymous email;
  3. Damaging computer equipment, files, data or the network in any way, including intentionally accessing, transmitting or downloading computer viruses or other harmful files or programs, or disrupting any computer system performance;
  4. Using any District computer to pursue "hacking," internal or external to the District, or attempting to access information protected by privacy laws; or
  5. Accessing, transmitting or downloading large files, including "chain letters" or any type of "pyramid schemes".
  6. Usage of remotes access sites, proxy sites, internet shopping and the like are strictly prohibited.
- **Engaging in uses that jeopardize access or lead to unauthorized access into others' accounts or other computer networks, such as:**
  1. Using another's account password(s) or identifier(s);
  2. Interfering with other users' ability to access their account(s); or
  3. Disclosing anyone's password to others or allowing them to use another's account(s).
- **Using the network or Internet for Commercial purposes:**
  1. Using the Internet for personal financial gain;
  2. Using the Internet for personal advertising, promotion, or financial gain; or
  3. Conducting for-profit business activities and/or engaging in non-government related fundraising or public relations activities such as solicitation for religious purposes, lobbying for personal political purposes.

## **Student Internet Safety**

1. It is all staff members' responsibility to educate students about appropriate online behavior, including interactions with other individuals on social networking sites/chat rooms, and cyber bullying awareness and response. This may be done in a variety of ways, such as once a year short training sessions, one-on-one education with individual students, and/or via educational handouts. **It is also the responsibility of all staff members to monitor students' online activity for appropriate behavior.**
2. Students under the age of eighteen should only access the Internet outside of school if a parent or legal guardian supervises their usage at all times. The student's parent or guardian is responsible for monitoring the minor's use;
3. Students shall not reveal on the Internet personal information about themselves or other persons. For example, students should not reveal their name, home address, telephone number, or display photographs of themselves or others;
4. Students shall not meet in person anyone they have met only on the Internet; and
5. Students must abide by all laws, this Acceptable Use Policy and all District security policies.
6. All students must complete the cyberbullying and digital citizenship training available on the LKCISD website.

## **Penalties for Improper Use**

The use of a District account is a privilege, not a right, and misuse will result in the restriction or cancellation of the account and repossession of district equipment. Misuse may also lead to disciplinary and/or legal action for both students and employees, including suspension, expulsion, dismissal from District employment, or criminal prosecution by government authorities. The District will attempt to tailor any disciplinary action to the specific issues related to each violation.

## **Disclaimer**

The District makes no guarantees about the quality of the services provided and is not responsible for any claims, losses, damages, costs, or other obligations arising from use of the network or accounts. Any additional charges a user accrues due to the use of the District's network are to be borne by the user. The District also denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of the information obtained through user access. Any statement, accessible on the computer network or the Internet, is understood to be the author's individual point of view and not that of the District, its affiliates, or employees.

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**Google/G Suite Information \*\*\*Junior High and High School Only\*\*\***

At Linden-Kildare CISD, we use G Suite for Education, and we are seeking your permission to provide and manage a G Suite for Education account for your child. G Suite for Education is a set of education productivity tools from Google including Gmail, Calendar, Docs, Classroom, and more used by tens of millions of students and teachers around the world. At Linden-Kildare CISD, students will use their G Suite accounts to complete assignments, communicate with their teachers, sign into their Chromebooks, and learn 21st century digital citizenship skills.

The notice below provides answers to common questions about what Google can and can't do with your child's personal information, including:

- What personal information does Google collect?
- How does Google use this information?
- Will Google disclose my child's personal information?
- Does Google use student personal information for users in K-12 schools to target advertising?
- Can my child share information with others using the G Suite for Education account?

Please read it carefully, let us know of any questions, and then sign below to indicate that you've read the notice and give your consent. If you don't provide your consent, we will not create a G Suite for Education account for your child. However, your student will still be required to submit any work that would typically be completed online using an alternate method.

**I give permission for Linden-Kildare CISD to create/maintain a G Suite for Education account for my child and for Google to collect, use, and disclose information about my child only for the purposes described in the notice below.**

Thank you,  
Tyson Knopp  
Technology Director for Linden-Kildare CISD

## G Suite for Education Notice to Parents and Guardians

This notice describes the personal information we provide to Google for these accounts and how Google collects, uses, and discloses personal information from students in connection with these accounts.

Using their G Suite for Education accounts, students may access and use the following “Core Services” offered by Google (described at [https://gsuite.google.com/terms/user\\_features.html](https://gsuite.google.com/terms/user_features.html)):

- Gmail
- Calendar
- Chrome Sync
- Classroom
- Cloud Search
- Contacts
- Docs, Sheets, Slides, Forms
- Drive
- Groups
- Keep
- Vault

In addition, we also allow students to access certain other Google services with their G Suite for Education accounts. Specifically, your child may have access to the following “**Additional Services**”:

- YouTube (high school students only)

Google provides information about the information it collects, as well as how it uses and discloses the information it collects from G Suite for Education accounts in its G Suite for Education Privacy Notice. You can read that notice online at [https://gsuite.google.com/terms/education\\_privacy.html](https://gsuite.google.com/terms/education_privacy.html) You should review this information in its entirety, but below are answers to some common questions:

### What personal information does Google collect?

When creating a student account, Linden-Kildare CISD may provide Google with certain personal information about the student, including, for example, a name, email address, and password. Google may also collect personal information directly from students, such as telephone number for account recovery or a profile photo added to the G Suite for Education account.

When a student uses Google services, Google also collects information based on the use of those services. This includes:

- device information, such as the hardware model, operating system version, unique device identifiers, and mobile network information including phone number;
- log information, including details of how a user used Google services, device event information, and the user's Internet protocol (IP) address;
- location information, as determined by various technologies including IP address, GPS, and other sensors;
- unique application numbers, such as application version number; and
- cookies or similar technologies which are used to collect and store information about a browser or device, such as preferred language and other settings.

### How does Google use this information?

In G Suite for Education **Core Services**, Google uses student personal information to provide, maintain, and protect the services. Google does not serve ads in the Core Services or use personal information collected in the Core Services for advertising purposes.

In Google Additional Services, Google uses the information collected from all Additional Services to provide, maintain, protect and improve them, to develop new ones, and to protect Google and its users. Google may also use this information to offer tailored content, such as more relevant search results. Google may combine personal information from one service with information, including personal information, from other Google services.

### Does Google use student personal information for users in K-12 schools to target advertising?

No. For G Suite for Education users in primary and secondary (K-12) schools, Google does not use any user personal information (or any information associated with an G Suite for Education Account) to target ads, whether in Core Services or in other Additional Services accessed while using an G Suite for Education account.

### Can my child share information with others using the G Suite for Education account?

We allow students to access Google services such as Google Docs, which include features where users can share information with others. We do not allow students use Google Docs to share information publicly or with anyone outside of the school district. While we monitor and have a record of every email sent, students could possibly email someone outside the district.

### Will Google disclose my child's personal information?

Google will not share personal information with companies, organizations and individuals outside of Google unless one of the following circumstances applies:

- **With parental or guardian consent.** Google will share personal information with companies, organizations or individuals outside of Google when it has parents' consent (for users below the age of consent), which may be obtained through G Suite for Education schools.
- **With Linden-Kildare CISD.** G Suite for Education accounts, because they are school-managed accounts, give administrators access to information stored in them.
- **For external processing.** Google may provide personal information to affiliates or other trusted businesses or persons to process it for Google, based on Google's instructions and in compliance with the G Suite for Education privacy notice and any other appropriate confidentiality and security measures.
- **For legal reasons.** Google will share personal information with companies, organizations or individuals outside of Google if it has a good-faith belief that access, use, preservation or disclosure of the information is reasonably necessary to:
  - meet any applicable law, regulation, legal process or enforceable governmental request.
  - enforce applicable Terms of Service, including investigation of potential violations.
  - detect, prevent, or otherwise address fraud, security or technical issues.
  - protect against harm to the rights, property or safety of Google, Google users or the public as required or permitted by law.

Google also shares non-personal information -- such as trends about the use of its services -- publicly and with its partners.

### What choices do I have as a parent or guardian?

First, you can consent to the collection and use of your child's information by Google. If you don't provide your consent, we will not create a G Suite for Education account for your child, and Google will not collect or use your child's information as described in this notice.

If you consent to your child's use of G Suite for Education, you can access or request deletion of your child's G Suite for Education account by contacting Tyson Knopp at 903-756-5314. If you wish to stop any further collection or use of your child's information, you can request that we use the service controls available to limit your child's access to features or services, or delete your child's account entirely. You and your child can also visit <https://myaccount.google.com> while signed in to the G Suite for Education account to view and manage the personal information and settings of the account.

### What if I have more questions or would like to read further?

If you have questions about our use of Google's G Suite for Education accounts or the choices available to you, please contact Tyson Knopp at 903-756-5314. If you want to learn more about how Google collects, uses, and discloses personal information to provide services to us, please review the [G Suite for Education Privacy Center](https://www.google.com/edu/trust/)(at <https://www.google.com/edu/trust/>), the [G Suite for Education Privacy Notice](https://gsuite.google.com/terms/education_privacy.html) (at [https://gsuite.google.com/terms/education\\_privacy.html](https://gsuite.google.com/terms/education_privacy.html)), and the [Google Privacy Policy](https://www.google.com/intl/en/policies/privacy/) (at <https://www.google.com/intl/en/policies/privacy/>).

The Core G Suite for Education services are provided to us under [Google's Apps for Education agreement](https://www.google.com/apps/intl/en/terms/education_terms.html) (at [https://www.google.com/apps/intl/en/terms/education\\_terms.html](https://www.google.com/apps/intl/en/terms/education_terms.html)).

I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the provisions of the Acceptable Use Policy of the Linden-Kildare Consolidated Independent School District and give consent for a district-created Google account (Google permission for junior high and high school only).

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Campus: \_\_\_\_\_.

Student or  
Employee Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student or  
Employee Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal  
Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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