Internet Safety and Computer Policy for the Loughlin Community

The computer network at Bishop Loughlin Memorial H.S. has been set up in order to provide computer based resources and Internet access for educational purposes. This includes classroom activities, research activities, peer review of assigned work, and the exchange of project related ideas, opinions, and questions via email and other means. Students will have access to the Internet via computers in library, labs and other locations during the regular hours these rooms are open. Student work (writing, drawings, etc.) may occasionally be published on our web site and be accessible on the World Wide Web. The network is also intended to help conduct the regular operation of the school.

1. Internet access is filtered by third-party software to block inappropriate and harmful content. Student use of the Internet is monitored by adult supervision. Parents should instruct students if there is additional material that they think it would be inappropriate for them to access. Adult users may request the Assistant Principal for Academics to have the filter removed for educational research.
2. Users should notify the Technology Director if sites are inappropriately blocked or inappropriately accessible.
3. Users may not access Web sites, newsgroups, or chat areas that contain material that is obscene or that promotes illegal acts. If a user accidentally accesses this type of information, he or she should immediately notify the Principal.
4. "Hacking" or otherwise trying to gain unauthorized access to the school network, or another person's or organization's computer system is prohibited.
5. The network may not be used for any activity, or to transmit any material, that violates United States or local laws. This includes, but is not limited to, illegal activities such as threatening the safety of another person or violating copyright laws. Duplication of copyrighted software is illegal and is not allowed.
6. Users may not use vulgar, derogatory, or obscene language. Users may not engage in personal attacks, harass another person, or post private information about another person.
7. The network may not be used for commercial purposes. Users may not buy or sell products or services through the system.
8. Users should never give out their own or another's name, address, or phone number to anyone via the Internet.
9. Users should never agree to meet in person with anyone they have met online unless they first have the approval of a parent or guardian.
10. Users should notify the Principal immediately if they receive a message that may be inappropriate or if they encounter any material that violates this policy.
11. Any additional policies for using computers and the network will be posted on the school web site.

The use of school computers and network is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in the cancellation of these privileges. Vandalism, deliberate introduction of computer viruses or intentional modification of system settings will result in cancellation of privileges and/or school disciplinary action. The school reserves the right to seek financial restitution for any damage caused by a student or other user. The Principal determines what use is inappropriate use, and that decision is final. Violators of this policy are subject to loss of computer privileges.

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