

# Acceptable Use Policy

## Lawrence Academy

### 2010 – 2011

Each Middle and Upper School student signs a pledge to use the internet and LA network in an appropriate manner. This request is consistent with our policy for Middle and Upper School students to sign a pledge to support the honor code. Parents are asked to co-sign this Acceptable Use Policy to reinforce the school's policy.

In the rapidly changing technological field, it is difficult to pinpoint all the specific areas of possible abuse. However, some general categories seem evident. They are:

- Students are not to visit areas on the internet where pornographic, obscene, and lewd or "hate literature" is available, nor are they to attempt to reach such sites.
- Students are not to invade the privacy of others on the internet. They should also advise school administrators if others invade their privacy. Students must understand that e-mail and posting are of the public and any information or content they write or post may become public knowledge.
- Students are not to engage in illegal activities, such as destroying or altering files on the internet or network, nor to participate in illegal activities such as those that relate to drugs, alcohol, or firearms.
- Students are expected to comply with the tenets of the LA Honor Code while using the internet and network; cheating, lying, plagiarism, and stealing are unacceptable.
- Students are not to interrupt or alter the normal operations of the content filter or network servers.

The school owns the computer equipment, network servers, internal email boxes, and all other aspects involving technology on the campus. Therefore, students, teachers, parents, and other parties using school-owned equipment or networks understand that the school reserves the right to censor, monitor, or otherwise control the information contained therein and/or transmitted via any such equipment and/or network.

Any abuse will result in the loss of privileges for using the school-owned and/or controlled technology.

**You will not be able to use the school's equipment until this is returned.**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_