

Cyber Bullying Policy

LCS' electronic devices, computer networks, or other property, whether accessed on campus or off, during or after school hours, may not be used for the purpose of harassment. All forms of harassment over the Internet, commonly referred to as cyber-bullying, are unacceptable and viewed as a violation of the computer and Internet acceptable use policy. Malicious use of the LCS computer system to develop programs or to institute practices that harass other users or gain unauthorized access to any entity on the system and/or damage the components of an entity on the network is prohibited. Users are responsible for the appropriateness of the material they transmit over the system.

Hate mail, harassment, discriminatory remarks or other antisocial behaviors are expressly prohibited. Cyber-bullying includes, but is not limited to the following misuses of school technology: Harassing, teasing, intimidating, threatening or terrorizing another person by sending or posting inappropriate and hurtful e-mail messages, instant messages, text messages, digital pictures or images, or website postings, including blogs. It is also recognized that the author (poster or sender) of inappropriate material is often disguised (logged on) as someone else.

Students and community members who believe they have been the victims of such misuses of LCS-owned technology, as described herein, should not erase the offending material from the system. A copy of the material should be printed or otherwise preserved and brought to the attention of the Administrators.

For situations in which cyber-bullying originates from a non-school computer or network, and is brought to the attention of school officials, any disciplinary action shall be based upon whether the conduct is determined to be severely disruptive of the educational process so that it markedly interrupts or severely impedes the day-to-day operations of the school and is in violation of a publicized school policy. Such conduct includes, but is not limited to, threats, or making a threat off school grounds, to harm an employee, student or Member of the Board of Directors of Loveland Classical Schools.

Disciplinary action may include, but is not limited to, loss of computer privileges, detention, suspension or expulsion for verified perpetrators of cyberbullying. Always feel free to confer with the Principal or Assistant Principal/Dean of Students if you have any questions or concerns.

Students possess the right of privacy as well as freedom from unreasonable search and seizure as guaranteed by the Fourth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. This individual right, however, is balanced by the school's responsibility to protect the health, safety, and welfare of all its students and to ensure compliance with school rules.

School employees (usually administrators) may conduct searches of property or person when they have reason to suspect the health, safety, or welfare of students or staff may be endangered.

LCS is not responsible for loss, theft, or breakage of items brought to school.

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