

## **Linville Hill Mennonite School Technology and Internet Policy**

Linville Hill Mennonite School provides access to technology and the internet for students and staff to enhance the school's educational program. LHMS provides a filtered internet service to help prevent access to inappropriate materials. The internet is available for students and staff to locate materials to meet their educational needs. LHMS faculty will work together to help students develop the critical thinking skills necessary to discriminate among the information sources and to evaluate and use information that will prepare them for responsible participation in home, church, and community.

This policy is in place to protect our network as well as our students and staff from some of the inherent dangers of the World Wide Web, including inappropriate content, viruses, spyware, and other destructive factors. Whenever using the LHMS network, students and staff must use care and wisdom.

1. Linville Hill will provide computer hardware and software for student and staff use to support and further the school's educational and ministry objectives. The hardware and software are the property of LHMS.
2. Access to LHMS technology resources is a privilege and not a right. Any improper use of the equipment of the network may result in temporary loss of that privilege.
3. Only LHMS technology staff may install software or modify equipment.
4. Students are not permitted to use their own portable media (i.e. CD's, flash drives)  
in any LHMS computer
5. Printing from LHMS computers should be kept to what is necessary.
6. LHMS staff and students must follow all state and federal laws relating to computer use. This includes laws relating to copyright, software piracy, harassment, etc.
7. Student computer use or internet access may be limited or denied at the discretion of the teacher or administration.
8. Students are not permitted to use or access e-mail from the LHMS campus at any time unless specifically directed to do so by a teacher.
9. Students may not participate in access on-line chat rooms, web logs, or similar sites (including, but not limited to: MySpace, Xanga, Facebook, etc.)
10. Students are not permitted to use instant messaging, text messaging, or any similar peer-to-peer communication from the LHMS computers at any time.
11. All use of the LHMS computer network and Internet is expected to be decent and appropriate to our Christian environment.
12. The LHMS network may not be used for any Internet game sites not specifically approved by LHMS.