Internet Safety and Computer Policy

The computer network at Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School has been established in order to provide computer based resources and Internet access for educational purposes such as classroom activities, research activities, peer review of assigned work, and the exchange of project related ideas, opinions, and questions via e-mail and other means. Students will have access to the Internet via computers in The Library Media Center, labs and other locations during the respective operating hours of these rooms. Student work (writing, drawings, etc.) may occasionally be published on Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School's Website, www.Loughlin.org 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 at Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School is filtered by third-party software to block inappropriate and harmful content. Student use of the Internet provided school-wide is monitored by adult supervision. Parent/Guardians should additionally instruct students to responsibly utilize technology and also inform students of material that they deem inappropriate for student consumption. Adult users at Loughlin may request the Assistant Principal for Academics to have the Website filter removed for educational research.
2. Users should notify the Technology Committee Chairperson(s) and/or Technology Department if Websites are inappropriately blocked or inappropriately accessible.
3. Users may not access Websites, newsgroups or Chat Rooms/Areas that contain material that is obscene or that promotes illegal acts. If a user accidently accesses this type of information, s/he should immediately notify the Principal.
4. "Hacking" or otherwise trying to gain 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 copyrighting laws. Duplication or copyrighted software is illegal and is not allowed.
6. Users may not use vulgar, derogatory, or obscene language. Users may not engage in cyber bullying: 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 use social networking to give out their own or another's name, address, or phone number to anyone via the Internet.
9. The network may not be used as a social networking means for users to 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 educational policies for using computers and the network will be posted on the school website.

12. School computers and email are to be used for school business. Computers and school email are subject to review by administration.
13. School computers and email are to be used for educational advancement only. Any emails and documents stored on the computers are property of Bishop Loughlin and subject to review by Administration.

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 Director of Technology determines what use is inappropriate use; that decision is final. Violators or this policy are subject to loss of computer privileges as well as documents saved on school servers.