

**USE OF THE INTERNET
IBERIA PARISH PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

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The Internet is a global collection of thousands of interconnected computer networks ranging from PC's to sophisticated mainframes. The Internet includes computer systems owned by the governments throughout the world, university computer systems, computer systems owned by corporations which include news organizations and many systems run by non-profit organizations. The Internet can provide a wealth of information, acting almost as an on-line, up to the minute, perpetual library.

The information on the Internet can be a valuable tool in the education of the students of Iberia Parish. The use of the school computers and the Internet access will be for appropriate education uses, including research and the exchange of information consistent with the goals of the Iberia Parish School System.

The objectives in providing access to the Internet are the following:

1. To educate the learner on how to access and use the vast amount of information available on the Internet.
2. To educate the learner on the safety issues involved in the use of the Internet:

Rules for student use of the Internet in Iberia Parish Schools include the following:

1. Students will not give out personal information such as home address, telephone number, parent's name, or parent's work phone, personal financial information, the name or location of the school, or the school's phone number without permission of the principal.
2. Students will never agree to-or arrange a "face to face" meeting with anyone they have met on-line.
3. Students will immediately exit any area accidentally accessed which can be considered obscene or sexual in nature and will report the area to the teacher or librarian for documentation.
4. Students will tell the teacher, librarian, principal and/or parent if they come across any information which makes them feel uncomfortable, so that it can immediately be reported to the appropriate authorities.
5. Students will never access the Internet, other on-line services or Bulletin Board Systems, without first being given permission by the teacher or librarian.
6. Students will not access, upload or download information which might be considered potentially hazardous to any person or property.
7. Students will not use e-mail to send material that might offend or be objectionable to anyone
8. Students will not subscribe to List serves, Bulletin Boards, and any on-line service without approval of the teacher and the district technology specialist.
9. Students will not copy software from home onto any district computer nor copy any district software.
10. Schools may add to these rules.

When using the Internet, the student understands that the Iberia Parish School System cannot control what is available over the Internet and agrees to follow the rules of ethical behavior for computer use and further agrees to make no deliberate effort to access material that may be objectionable or inappropriate for school use. Any student not following the acceptable use of the Internet and the rules for student safety will be subject to the disciplinary consequences of the teacher, school and/or school board in exactly the same manner as he or she would be disciplined for any other violation of a school rule. Additionally, this could include loss of Internet privileges.

I have read and agree to the guidelines and disciplinary consequences associated with the INTERNET uses in any class or school in the parish.
