

## **STUDENT INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY 5501**

The purpose of the Silver Lake Regional School District network is to advance and promote education in the District. It is intended to assist in the collaboration and exchange of information among all who are concerned with education. The Internet is a computer network (actually a network of networks) that links the schools with other schools, universities, private corporations and people worldwide. The primary purpose of using the Internet is to help students gain access to vast amounts of current research being conducted locally, nationally, and worldwide and to communicate with other students with similar interests who are on the network.

Access to the World Wide Web/Internet must be in support of education and research. The use of the Internet Access Network is a privilege, not a right. Everyone is responsible for what he/she says and does on the network. Because communication with thousands of others is so quick and easy, it is important to think before communicating and to show respect for other people and their ideas.

Network administrators will make reasonable efforts to maintain reliable service and user privacy, but they cannot absolutely guarantee that the system will always be available or that files will always be saved, nor can privacy be completely guaranteed.

### **NETWORK RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. Transmission of any material in violation of any US or state regulation is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to: copyrighted material, threatening, harassing, obscene or pornographic material, or material protected by trade secret.
2. Any traffic from this network that traverses another network is also subject to that network's acceptable use policy.
3. Users must respect others' privacy and intellectual property.
4. All communication and information accessible via the network should be assumed to be private property. Any sources used in research must be cited and credit given to the author.
5. The legal rights of software producers and network providers, and copyright and license agreements must be honored.
6. The Internet will be accessed from within the Silver Lake Regional School District. When using the Network, students must obey any faculty, staff members or supervising personnel.

### **INTERNET USE POLICY**

The use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges and disciplinary action up to and including suspension. Each student who is given Internet access privileges or receives an account will be part of a discussion with a School District faculty member pertaining to the proper use of the Internet. Since the computers are school property, administration reserves the right to inspect computer files at any time. Silver Lake Regional High School utilizes filtering software on our computer network.

Use of web sites such as *face book* and *my space* are prohibited. Please refer to the form you received on the first day of school. (Handbook letter)