

The Rights Stuff

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I. Lap Top Computers & Repair Bills to Members:

“LPS Guidelines for distribution of laptops to teachers - November 2010

1. “All laptops will be distributed to .5 or greater certificated FTEs on continuing contract.
2. “Distribution of laptops will be based on the model year of the primary computer each individual is using. Those with no computer at all will be at the top of the list followed in order from oldest to newest.
3. “Random selection will be conducted within model years in the same fashion used to determine seniority.
4. “LPS computers receive software updates, anti-virus definitions and inventory updates exclusively through the LPS network on a daily basis. Recipients will be expected to connect the laptop to the LPS network at an LPS school location to receive these updates. [connect = attaching to the LPS wireless network or by connecting a network cable to an Ethernet port]
5. “The laptop should only be used by the person to whom it is assigned. [Editorial emphasis]
6. “LPS employees are responsible for repair/replacement for damage to an LPS laptop per district's damage, loss, and theft guidelines. [Editorial emphasis]
7. “Computing Services will work with schools to establish a minimally obtrusive maintenance schedule that ensures laptops receive appropriate care and a year-end check-in procedure for staff members not returning to the District.
8. “Laptop recipients can only install software purchased with enhancement or district funds.”

II. Computer Use and Personal LPS Passwords:

From LPS Policy Regulation 6441.1:

“Computer Users have no privacy rights or expectations of privacy when using the same. Computer Use and all files or information stored therein, thereon or linked thereto may be monitored, tracked, logged, copied, reviewed and accessed at any time without prior notice. Lincoln Public Schools has complete authority to regulate all Computer Use and Computer Users. **Computer Use is a privilege and not a property right.** Computer Use is not a public forum. Computer Use is made available subject to all Board policy and regulations, these regulations, building guidelines, use agreements, handbook provisions and all administrative orders or directives as issued from time to time. **Computer Use is limited to current Lincoln Public Schools employees and Lincoln Public Schools business uses only. Computer Use shall not be permitted for personal reasons or for purposes that are contrary to the mission of the building site or the Lincoln Public Schools,** unless deemed incidental, intermittent or occasional. The administration in its sole and absolute discretion shall determine what personal use may be permitted as incidental, intermittent or occasional. Any Computer Use for profit is strictly prohibited. All Computer Users are hereby notified that any Computer Use as defined herein shall constitute an agreement by the Computer User to be bound by all Lincoln Public Schools policies and regulations, these regulations, building guidelines, use agreements, handbook provisions, and all administrative orders or directives as issued from time to time.” [Editorial emphasis]

From the LPS Personnel Handbook:

“BB. Use of District Computer Network and Internet

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“9. Employees will not disclose their passwords and account names to anyone or attempt to ascertain or use anyone else's password and account name.” [Editorial emphasis]