

Expectations for Using the Discussion Boards at eScholars

Teachers

- Teachers will review the Acceptable Use Policy and discuss appropriate responses with students prior to posting academic discussions
- Discussions will be limited to topics relevant to content area learning
- Teachers will monitor student responses a minimum of two times per week
- If a student posts an inappropriate response (obscene language, insult, etc.), the teacher will follow the steps set forth in the flow chart "Discussion Boards at eScholars."

Students

- Students will post only answers relevant to the academic question of the discussion.
- Students will follow the acceptable use guidelines outlined below.
- Students understand that their participation in discussions at eScholars will be monitored by teachers
- Should students not follow the guidelines, the consequences shall be the following
 - 1st offense: teacher counseling, Notice of Computer Abuse (for teacher file), phone call home
 - 2nd offense: referral (1pt.), Notice of Computer Abuse (for discipline file), other consequences could include 1 month suspension or permanent removal from eScholars, phone call home and parent conference

Severe violations of the Acceptable Use Policy may result in immediate removal from eScholars site and further disciplinary action, if necessary.

Excerpt from LBUSD Acceptable Use Policy

Students and staff are responsible for following generally accepted social standards for use of a publicly owned and operated communication tool. Students and staff will maintain high standards of ethical conduct while using the system. Examples of unethical, unacceptable use of District technology equipment includes the following:

- Sending, displaying, or accessing pornographic, abusive, obscene, or other objectionable language, graphics, or other media
- Unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal information about students or employees
- "Hacking" or otherwise engaging in unlawful activities while online
- Using obscene language
- Harassing, insulting, or attacking others
- Intentionally damaging computers, computer systems, data, files, information or computer networks
- Violating copyright laws
- Using or distributing another's password
- Trespassing in another's folders, work, or files
- Intentionally wasting limited resources
- Employing the network for outside business or commercial purposes
- Sending or receiving of unethical, illegal, immoral, inappropriate, or unacceptable information of any type
- Engaging in activities that cause disruption to the network or its systems
- Attempting to bypass the system security measures
- Reposting or forwarding a message that was sent to you privately without permission of the person who sent you the message
- Posting chain letters or engaging in "spamming" - i.e. sending an annoying or otherwise unnecessary message to a large number of people
- Any other activities not appropriate in an educational forum

The network is provided for staff and students to conduct research and communicate with others on academic topics and to engage in legitimate District business. Individual users of the district computer networks are responsible for their behavior and communications on those networks. It is presumed that users will comply with district standards and will abide by the policies specified herein. Violations of the district policy described will result in access privileges suspended or revoked as well as other disciplinary action as warranted. Any commercial, political, or unauthorized use of those materials or services, in any form, is forbidden. All copyright laws must be observed