

# Acceptable Use Policies

As a participant in the New Mexico High School Supercomputing Challenge, you will have 60 HOURS of MONTHLY access to the New Mexico Technet, Inc. dial-in lines. Use of New Mexico Technet's dial-in lines, and all the provided computing systems is a PRIVILEGE, and you MUST act in a responsible and ethical way at all times.

Through these facilities, you will be able to access information on computer systems around the world. Challenge participants, their parents, and their schools must understand that New Mexico Technet, Inc., and the Challenge sponsors and their employees have NO control over the access to specific systems or the content of information on any system. Some systems may contain material that is inappropriate for high school students. Challenge participants are strictly prohibited from accessing and using inappropriate materials. Parents of participants are asked to monitor home use of the computer systems.

Challenge participants are encouraged to seek help for their projects using e-mail and other Internet resources. Bear in mind, however that the accuracy, advice, opinions, and services provided via these services and contacts are solely the responsibility of the organization or individual providing them. None of the Challenge sponsoring organizations is responsible for any information that is received from any other source..

As a Challenge participant, you have access to a wide array of computing facilities and information:

Dial-in connectivity support seven days a week: (505) 343-7630

Technical support from LANL: (505) 667-5745

## Security

Each Challenge participant receives an individual account and password that no one else may use. Always protect your password and the access to your account. If your password is lost or stolen or if you believe someone may have unlawfully entered your account, you must immediately notify New Mexico Technet and LANL.

e-mail: [help@technet.nm.org](mailto:help@technet.nm.org) and [consult@challenge.nm.org](mailto:consult@challenge.nm.org)  
phone: (505) 343-7630 and (505) 667-5745

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## Online Conduct

Los Alamos National Laboratory and other organizations providing access to their computing resources also have strict rules about using their facilities.

Your actions while online must always be at the highest ethical level. System and network administrators monitor all activity. Any inappropriate actions may result in your being dismissed from the Challenge and your account being terminated.

Any inappropriate behavior or attempt to restrict or inhibit other Challenge participants from using and enjoying the Challenge computing and networking systems is strictly prohibited.

You may not publish over the system or network any information that is illegal, that violates or infringes on the rights of other people or that is abusive, profane, or sexually offensive.

You may not publish information that contains unsolicited advertising or that solicits other participants to use goods or services.

You must not use the facilities and capabilities of the system or network to conduct any non-Challenge business or activity or to solicit the performance of any activity that is prohibited by law.

Only public domain files and files which the author has specifically approved for online distribution may be transferred by Challenge participants.

You must have the author's permission to place copyrighted material on any system connected to or used for Challenge activities. If you download copyrighted material for your own use, permission must be specified in the document or on the network or be obtained directly from the author. For your protection, be sure to keep a copy of the permission.

New Mexico Technet, Inc., and Los Alamos National Laboratory reserve the right to monitor the activities of Challenge participants and to fully cooperate with local, state, or federal officials in any investigation concerning or relating to information transmitted on any system connected to or used in Challenge activities.

**Enjoy your Challenge accounts, but keep in mind that they will be terminated immediately for ANY inappropriate actions, not just those listed here. You or your parent, guardian, or teacher may request the termination of an account by sending a notice to a system or network administrator. The termination will be effective on the day the notice is received or on a date specified in the notice.**