

WEB SITE GUIDELINES

NEPN/NSBA Code: IJND-R

A. Web Site Purpose

The purpose of Regional School Unit 78's official website is to provide general information about our school system as well as information about educational programs, extracurricular activities and school events. This web site is intended to support the educational mission of the schools, to enhance the curriculum and learning opportunities for students and staff, and to inform the larger community about our schools.

B. Web Site Structure

The web site may include but is not limited to the following content areas:

1. System-wide information (such as Central Office, Technology, Transportation, Facilities, Food Service);
2. School Board information (such as members, officers, committees, meeting agendas, minutes and policies);
3. School-wide information
4. Individual department, grade level and/or classroom information (which may include student work and/or teacher-created work and resources);
5. Information about school-sponsored extracurricular organization information;
6. Information about school events and activities; and
7. Contact information for school board members and school staff.

C. Web Site Authority and Webmaster Responsibility

Regional School Unit 78 reserves the right to approve all web site content and to edit, delete, or modify any web page content as it sees fit to comply with the intended purposes of the web site and these guidelines.

The Superintendent shall designate a Webmaster, who is responsible for maintaining the web site, approving all material to be posted on the site, and monitoring all web site activities for compliance with Board policies, applicable laws and regulations, and these guidelines.

Only the Webmaster and other authorized school staff, as designated by the Superintendent, shall have password-protected access to the web server to place and remove web pages and content.

D. Web Site Content

1. Regional School Unit 78's web site does not create, nor is it intended to create, a public or limited public forum. All materials placed on the web site must serve the educational mission of the school.
2. Web site content is limited to school-sponsored information and activities. No personal student or staff web pages, blogs, chat rooms or discussion groups are permitted on the web site.
3. Web pages content must comply with Board policies, administrative procedures and school rules.
4. All materials placed on the web site must meet academic standards for proper spelling, grammar, content, accuracy and appearance.

If the Webmaster is unsure whether particular material is appropriate for the web site, he/she shall consult with the Superintendent, whose decision shall be final.

E. Confidentiality of Student Information

1. The web site shall be in compliance with all applicable state and federal confidentiality laws and regulations.
2. At no time shall personal information about students (such as home address, telephone number, e-mail address, birth date, social security number, etc.) or any other information made confidential by state or federal law appear on the web site. The web site will not include any information that indicates the physical location of students at any given time, other than attendance at a particular school or participation in school activities.
 - 2.1 Web page documents may include only the first name and the initial of the student's last name.
 - 2.2 Documents may not include a student's E-mail address, phone number, address, names of other family members, or names of friends.
 - 2.3 Published E-mail addresses are restricted to staff members or to a general group E-mail address where arriving E-mail is forwarded to a staff member.
 - 2.4 Decisions on publishing student pictures (video or still) and audio clips are based on the supervising teacher's judgment. The teacher must first check with the school office to determine if the student's parents/guardians have authorized such publication through the regular web site photo release process.
3. Student information, photographs or work may only be published on the web site if the student's parent/guardian has signed the Parent/Guardian Agreement Form to Publish Student Information (Policy IJND-RB). For purposes of these guidelines, student information includes name class rosters, awards/honors received, and team/extracurricular activity participation lists.

F. Confidentiality of Staff Information

1. At no time shall personal information about staff appear on the web site (including home address, home telephone number, home e-mail address, birth date, social security number, etc.).
2. Because the school unit's web site is maintained in part to enhance communication with students and their families, the school e-mail addresses and/or telephone numbers of staff are published on the web site.

G. Copyright

1. Appropriate permission will be obtained before any copyrighted or trademarked material is used on the web site. No copyrighted material may be reproduced, transmitted or stored on Rangeley Lakes Regional School's web site without obtaining permission from the copyright owner.

2. Students shall retain the copyright on materials that they create.
3. An appropriate copyright notice will appear with all copyrighted material published on the web site.
4. Except for the above exceptions, all web pages and content on the web site are the property of and owned by the Rangeley Lakes Regional School.

H. Web Site Design and Accessibility

1. The Webmaster is authorized to develop standards for the design and appearance of the Rangeley Lakes Regional School's web site. These standards will include measures to make web pages accessible to persons with disabilities. School unit information available on the web site will also be made available to the public in alternative ways upon request.

I. Advertising

The Rangeley Lakes Regional School's web site will not include any advertising, nor will it include any selling activities outside of publicity for school-sponsored and/or approved fundraising activities.

J. Links to External Sites

1. The Rangeley Lakes Regional School's web site will not include links to any personal web sites of students or staff.
2. The web site may include links only to web sites that have demonstrated educational value to students, staff and/or the community, as deemed appropriate by the Webmaster.

3. The web site shall include a disclaimer informing users that links are provided as a convenience, and that Rangeley Lakes Regional School does not endorse these sites or have any responsibility for the content of these sites.

K. Additional Requirements

1. The web site shall inform users about how to contact the Webmaster.
2. Each web page shall include the date the page was last updated.
3. The Webmaster will provide appropriate information to school users regarding technical requirements for publishing material on the web site.
4. All documents on RLRS server(s) must conform to School Board Policies and regulations as well as established school guidelines. Persons developing or maintaining Web documents are responsible for complying with these policies. Some of the relevant issues and related Board policies include the following:
 - 4.1 Electronic transmission of materials is a form of copying. As specified in the Internet Use Policy, no unlawful copies of copyrighted materials may be knowingly produced or transmitted via the school's or MLTI equipment, including its Web server(s).
 - 4.2 Any hyperlinks from school WebPages that are not specifically curriculum-related will meet the criteria established in the school Internet Use Policy.
 - 4.3 All communications via the school WebPages will comply with the school Internet Use Policy and the RLRS Code of Conduct. Offensive behavior that is expressly prohibited by this policy includes religious, racial, and sexual harassment and/or violence
 - 4.4 Any student information communicated via the school WebPages will comply with policies on Data Privacy and Public Use of School Records.

Cross Reference: IJND – Rangeley Lakes Regional School Web Site
IJND-RA – Agreement to Publish Student Information on the Regional School Unit 78 Website

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